West Asheville Newspaper File Chronology
1950 – 1959

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Early 50s	Hall Fletcher JHS students adopt 2 Korean orphans
	Costume party at Hall Fletcher Jr. HS
Jan. 7, 1950	Antiquated Carrier Bridge to be replaced
Jan. 14, 1950	West A Episcopal Church will have 1st service
Jan. 29, 1950	Smoky Park Bridge 1st in rank among similar structures in region
Feb. 27, 1950	New Episcopal church named St. George's
Mar. 26, 1950	Asheville converging point of stage routes
	Aston Park Hospital dates to 1922
	Former newspaperman describes Asheville of 1908-1911 (re Col. Robert Bingham)
	Golf has been popular Asheville sport for more than 50 years (re Swannanoa Hunt Club & Malvern Hills golf course)
	Rhododendron City Park embraces 110-acre tract
	Traces of Indian path are still visible
	Westall was first to fly here (re Carrier Field)
April 2, 1950	Cowboy movie star Ken Maynard w/Biller Bros. circus at Logan's Show Grounds
April 8, 1950	Asheville Speedway opens season
April 9, 1950	Biller Bros. circus at Logan's Show Grounds
April 13, 1950	Local schools in poor condition
April 16, 1950	Westwood Garden Club
April 22, 1950	Hall Fletcher Jr. HS band
May 5, 1950	Carrier span work to begin during summer
July 9, 1950	Sale advertisement for apt. house on Vermont Ave.
July 16, 1950	City maintains widely-scattered playgrounds
Aug. 16, 1950	Streets w/same names confuse public servants
Sept. 9, 1950	Mrs. F.M. Wix, 12 Fairfax Ave., hits jackpot on Tello-Test Show
	Oct. 23 set for opening of new bridge (Smoky Park)
Sept. 21, 1950	Hall Fletcher Jr. HS cheer leaders photo
Oct. 13, 1950	Bridge name confirmed by announcement
Oct. 16, 1950	Smoky Park Bridge span completed
Oct, 19, 1950	Bridge forms go in, new Carrier Bridge; photo
Oct. 23, 1950	Opening of Smoky Park Bridge
	Formal opening advertisement
Oct. 24, 1950	Photos, opening ceremonies, Smoky Park Bridge
Oct.25, 1950	Southern Bell installs 25,000th phone here

Oct. 31, 1950	Post office to extend city service
Nov. 16, 1950	Kenneth Hampton wins poster contest
Nov. 17, 1950	West Asheville Businessmen's Assoc. formed
May 1951	Hall Fletcher elects PTA Officers, holds promotion exercises
June 22, 1951	Park Clubhouse gets major face-lifting
June 28, 1951	Club wants branch library in West Asheville
July 5, 1951	West Asheville Legion buys landmark George H. Starnes home on Haywood Rd.
July 8, 1951	St. George's Episcopal Church groundbreaking
July 12, 1951	Church's role in development of West Asheville area began in 1887
July 27, 1951	West Asheville religious center of Asheville
Aug. 8, 1951	Malvern Hills has historic burial ground
Aug. 9, 1951	West Asheville Major in Norway
Aug. 10, 1951	Playgrounds draw many thousands in West Asheville
Aug. 16, 1951	West Asheville became part of city in 1917
	West Asheville puppeteers
Aug. 29, 1951	Haywood Rd. from the air
Sept. 7, 1951	The Army's new armory (Louisiana Ave)
Sept. 16, 1951	Millard-Fletcher Mighty Mites team photo
Sept. 18, 1951	Old Carrier Bridge is toppled
	Mighty Mites season opener
	Sidewalk completed on Patton Ave.
Sept. 26, 1951	Hall Fletcher Jr. HS Band sharing concert proceeds
Sept. 27, 1951	Hall Fletcher Jr. HS majorettes
Sept. 28, 1951	David Millard Jr. HS majorettes & tumblers
Oct. 3, 1951	Aycock students electing Jr. Garden Club officers
	Will play in West Asheville (American Legion Band of Milwaukee)
Oct. 9, 1951	Mighty Mites work out for Durham game
Oct. 12, 1951	Scrap metal drive at Hall Fletcher Jr. HS (photo)
Oct. 17, 1951	Parade and concert planned in West Asheville Saturday
Oct. 26, 1951	Riley Smith's All-Night Singing (ad)
Nov. 1, 1951	City's Halloween manners on upgrade
	West Asheville Legion Post will sponsor rally
	West Asheville Lions Club to be chartered
Nov. 2, 1951	West Asheville Lions Club Charter Night
Nov. 15, 1951	Lions Club members and their guests
Nov. 16, 1951	100%ers: Red Cross Blood Drive at Hall Fletcher
Nov. 21, 1951	West Asheville merchants sponsor Yule decorations
	All-day party at Eugene Rankin School
Nov. 28, 1951	Miss Gilliam wins 4-H Club national award
Dec. 5, 1951	West A Business Men's Assoc. chooses officers

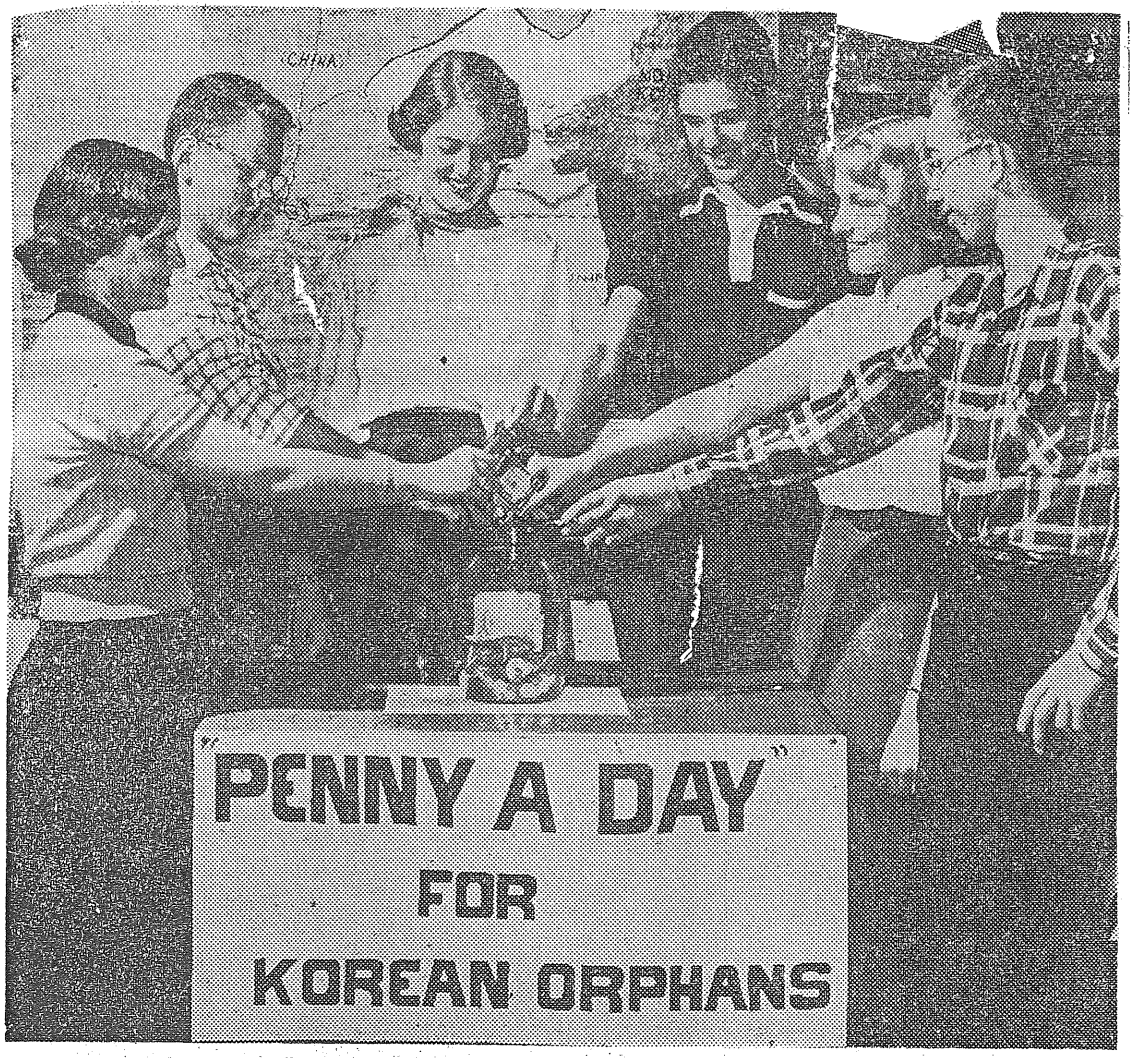
1952	Brucemont Garden Club annual birthday party
Jan. 31, 1952	West Asheville Post to aid in blood donor program
	West A Methodist Church Dog Show winners
	West A branch YMCA fills committee posts
Feb. 10, 1952	Imperial Life Insurance Company history
Mar. 12, 1952	Ground broken for fire station
Mar. 16, 1952	Many street car motormen switched to bus driving
May 6, 1952	Officers representing 7 Buncombe County Lions Clubs
May 10, 1952	Distinguished physicians practiced in city
May 14, 1952	Hall Fletcher PTA officers, photo
May 15, 1952	Community Club of West Asheville installs officers
	West Asheville Lions Club renames all officers
May 16, 1952	Hall Fletcher Spring Concert set for today
May 18, 1952	Annual Spring Music Festival—Hall Fletcher Jr HS
June 13, 1952	Brucemont Club hears Mrs. Hodges
June 22, 1952	Knighthood in flower on Carrier Field
Aug. 6, 1952	Swimming safety (Malvern Hills Park)
Aug.9, 1952	Water Carnival first night performance seen by 750 (Malvern Hills Park)
Aug. 10, 1952	Miss Hampton crowned Water Carnival Queen
Sept. 18, 1952	Safety sidewalk –Johnston Blvd./Tampa Ave.
Sept. 26, 1952	Hall Fletcher opens season against Canton HS JV
	Will cheer for rebels—cheerleader photo
Oct. 2, 15, 16, 1952	Bobby Owens dies of polio; memorial game played
Jan. 11, 1953	Entire community may benefit from organization of club (Community Club/West A Com. Club)
Mar. 3, 1953	West Asheville Water Line Extension Project
May 11, 1953	West Asheville Legion Auxiliary plans poppy sales
May 29, 1953	West Asheville Library dedication Sunday; well stocked branch library to open Monday
May 30, 1953	Asheville's war dead honored
June 1, 1953	West Asheville Branch Library dedicated; photo
June 10, 1953	New Aycock School under construction
July 3, 1953	Polio in '53
	More nurses sought in anti-polio fight
July 5, 1953	Tree planting in Rhododendron Park
Aug. 1953	Tonemasters win Gospel Quartet Contest
Aug. 18, 1953	Plans outlined for civic center in W. Asheville
Sept. 15, 1953	Boost in bus fares authorized in city
Sept. 21, 1953	Packing the mail for Hall Fletcher—football team
Sept. 22, 1953	Youth center supervisors are named
Sept. 30, 1953	Clyde Beatty brings circus here (Carrier Field)
Oct. 6, 1953	Community Center will be dedicated this evening
Oct. 7, 1953	Community Center dedicated
Nov. 23, 1953	Broadway Hosiery Mills

May 15, 1954	Young People's Service League, St. George's Episcopal Church, advertise festival
May 26, 1954	Marshall's Service Station, Haywood Rd.; photo
May 31, 1954	Abernethy Methodist Church groundbreaking
Aug. 1, 1954	In 1880s Asheville was a "Trundle bed of recuperation"
Nov. 21, 1954	Merchants hold Youth Center event
Dec. 6, 1954	First McDonald's restaurant in Asheville opens

1955 – 1959

April 3, 1955	Old Atkinson home on Westwood Place built in 1881
May 1, 1955	Eugene Rankin 1st grade to give entertainment
May 7, 1955	Saucy Sandwich Shop padlocked by court order
Aug. 17, 1955	Carrier field memories
Sept. 11, 1955	Music in the home (Mrs. H.B. Allison & daughter)
Sept. 12, 1955	Junior Music Club installs new officers
Sept. 13, 1955	2nd round Salk shots are begun
Sept. 22, 1955	S&W menu
Sept. 25, 1955	West Asheville "Y" drive to be launched tomorrow Appalachia whopper (O.W. Wilkerson) Two persons injured (auto accident, Patton Ave.)
Dec. 9, 1955	Residents oppose building of private amusement park
Dec. 11, 1955	Congratulations, Mrs. Carter! (Wins sewing machine)
Dec. 13, 1955	Taxi driver robbed, shot
Dec. 15, 1955	Nativity scene, Hall Fletcher Jr. HS
Dec. 18, 1955	Study of the sea, Aycock Elementary School
Dec. 16, 1955	Struck by a freight train at Pearson Bridge
May 1956	Groundbreaking for new educational bldg, West A Presbyterian Church
May 4, 1956	City Council visits West A Fire Station (photo)
June 13, 1956	New officers installed at West A American Legion Auxiliary
June 22, 1956	Water safety check at Malvern Hills pool
July 13, 1956	West Asheville Merchants "Friday 13th— Your Lucky Day
Sept. 22, 1956	Calvary Baptist Church Sunday School observes Golden Jubilee
Oct. 24, 1956	Halloween Bazaar, St. Joan of Arc Guild
Oct. 25, 1956	New Nursery at Grace Baptist Church
Oct. 29, 1956	New pastor at Craven St. Baptist Church
Nov. 20, 1956	WABA Christmas ad

Jan. 5, 1957	Unitarians purchase building on Vermont Ave.
May 8, 1957	Board retires T.H. Hunt as Jr. High principal
June 1, 1957	Car/bike collision on Clinton Ave
June 13, 1957	West A Kiwanis inducts new members
Sept. 29, 1957	Vance 4th graders install own fire bell
May 4, 1958	West A merchants plan Sweepstakes
May 6, 1`958	52 West A merchants launch Sweepstakes
May 23, 1958	Win a New Edsel – Sweepstakes advertisement
Dec. 14, 1958	Kiwanis second club formed in city
Dec. 19, 1958	Treasure Hunt climaxes merchants' Holidays Festival
April 10, 1959	CD Siren Test Set for Today
April 12, 1959	All County Residents Will Participate in CD Alert
April 15, 1959	Incumbent Council Members Win
April 17, 1959	CD Alert
	Take-Cover CD Alert Set This Morning
April 18, 1959	Alert Success; City "Bombed"
June 4, 1959	"Jump-the –hump" is perilous pasttime of thrill seekers on Delaware St.
June 10, 1959	Kiwanians celebrate 3rd anniversary
July 3, 1959	Indoor recreational facilities
Aug. 30, 1959	Kiwanis Club 40th anniversary
Sept. 13, 1959	Power Boat Makes 1st Trip Upriver
Sept. 15, 1959	Moxley named Secretary of West Asheville YMCA
Nov. 23, 1959	Chakales makes socks for men
Dec. 13, 1959	Aycock students enjoy program of exercise
	Amy's Club in 23rd year of service to children
Dec. 5, 1959	Fallout shelters best chance of surviving nuclear attack, local CD office offers advice
Dec. 15, 1959	West end of cross-town expressway nearly finished
Dec. 17, 1959	Mrs. Charles E. Garren's Christmas tablecloth
Dec. 18, 1959	Poinsettias really bloom under Mrs. Edens' care
Dec. 21, 1959	Christmas caroling at Malvern Hills Park
Dec. 22, 1959	Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church live nativity
Dec. 29, 1959	Grand prize winner in Yuletide Lighting Contest



—Citizen-Times Photo—Ball

SIX STUDENTS selected at random from one of the social study classes at Hall Fletcher Junior High School, taught by Richard Null, demonstrate how everybody is trying to "get into the act" of taking care of two adopted Korean orphans. There are 157 students in the participating classes and they are giving a penny a day. The teachers came through with $20 in cash to aid a Korean teacher in buying her clothes. From L to R are: Glenda Humphries, Jack Penland, Catherine Logan, Bob Matherson, Beverly Ingle and Dan Warren.

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Responsibility Is Yours

Hall Fletcher Students Adopt Two Korean Orphans

Under the leadership of Richard Null, teacher of social study classes, some 157 students in Hall Fletcher Junior High School have adopted two Korean orphans, a boy and a girl, and are contributing each a penny a day for their support.

Other students at the school have wanted to join in the plan and many have made contributions which will be kept in the treasury to see that the monthly check for the full amount pledged goes forward to the New York office of the non-profit agency handling the project.

The students who are participating have made a large colored map of Korea and have developed a keen interest in the welfare proj- t they have undertaken. Already they have started plans for a special Christmas gift for the boy and girl whose names they do not know yet but who are very real to them nevertheless. Soon they will not only have the names and addresses of the children they are helping but also pictures of them.

When news got out that the project has been started with the first collection of pennies last Monday, other classes wanted to get in on the plan. It was thought best to hold the actual pledges to the social study classes, with contributions to be accepted from any who cared to give.

Null said that Hall Fletcher is the third school in the state to start such a project and that he is proud of what the youngsters are doing.

Citizen-Times Photo—Ball

HALL FLETCHER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL students were entertained at a costume party Friday night by the members of the school Parent-Teacher Association. Among those attending were (L to R) seated: George Landers, Tommy Scott, Jerry Rector, Judy Patton, Josephine Hymes, Patsy Johnson, Jerry Brezeale, Herman Rector and Larry Rodgers, in front; second row, Judy Justice, Jenny Lazenby, Linda Sluder, Patty English, Nancy Edwards, Patsy Payne, Edna Ruth Fisher, Jean Payne, Ann Plemmons and Sue Stines. Dorothea Johnson, who arrived after the picture was made, won the prize for the best girl's costume and young Landers won the prize for the best boy's costume. Judges were Mrs. W. H. Moore, Clyde Horton and Clayton Bright. The party was given for members of the home rooms with 100 per cent PTA membership, and about 200 students attended.

EARLY 50's

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Stewart said last night he did not know when the project would get under way.

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At present, Carrier Bridge is a single span, one-way steel truss and carries six and 12-inch city water mains to West Asheville. J. Weldon Weir, city director of public works, said parallel pipes would be placed along the new bridge and the water supply cut into the new lines when the rebuilding is completed.

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The present structure has a wooden floor and traffic over it has been restricted since 1947 when it was declared unsafe by highway engineers. Use by commercial vehicles has been prohibited. Gross load limit is three tons.

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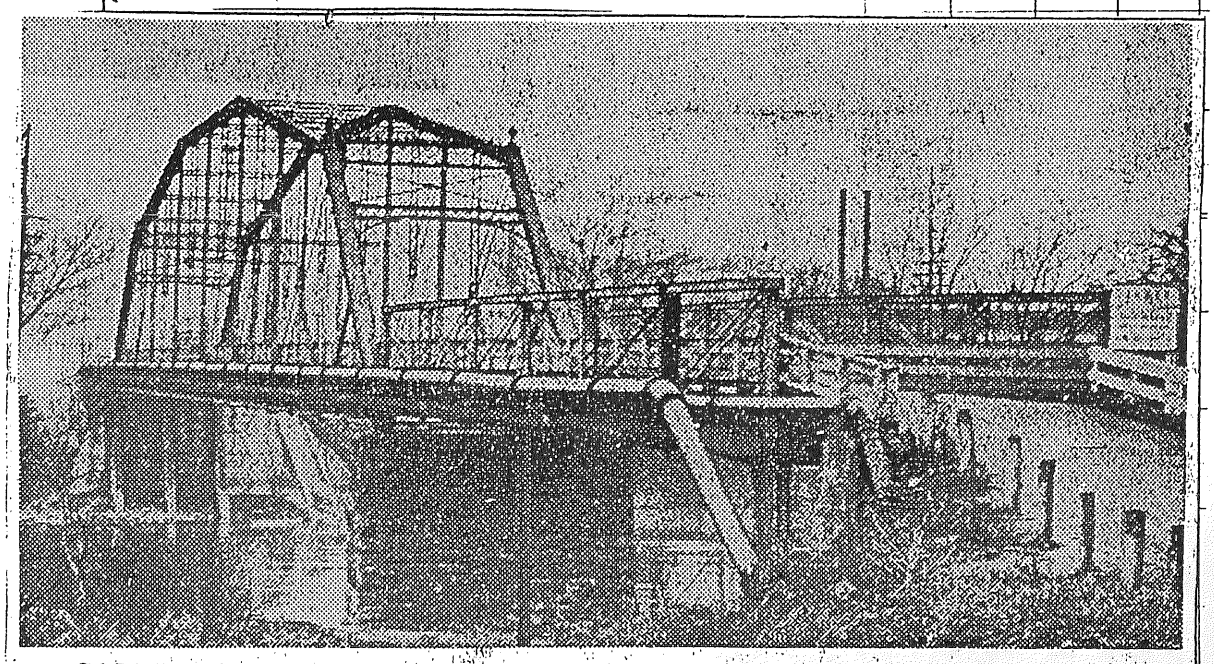

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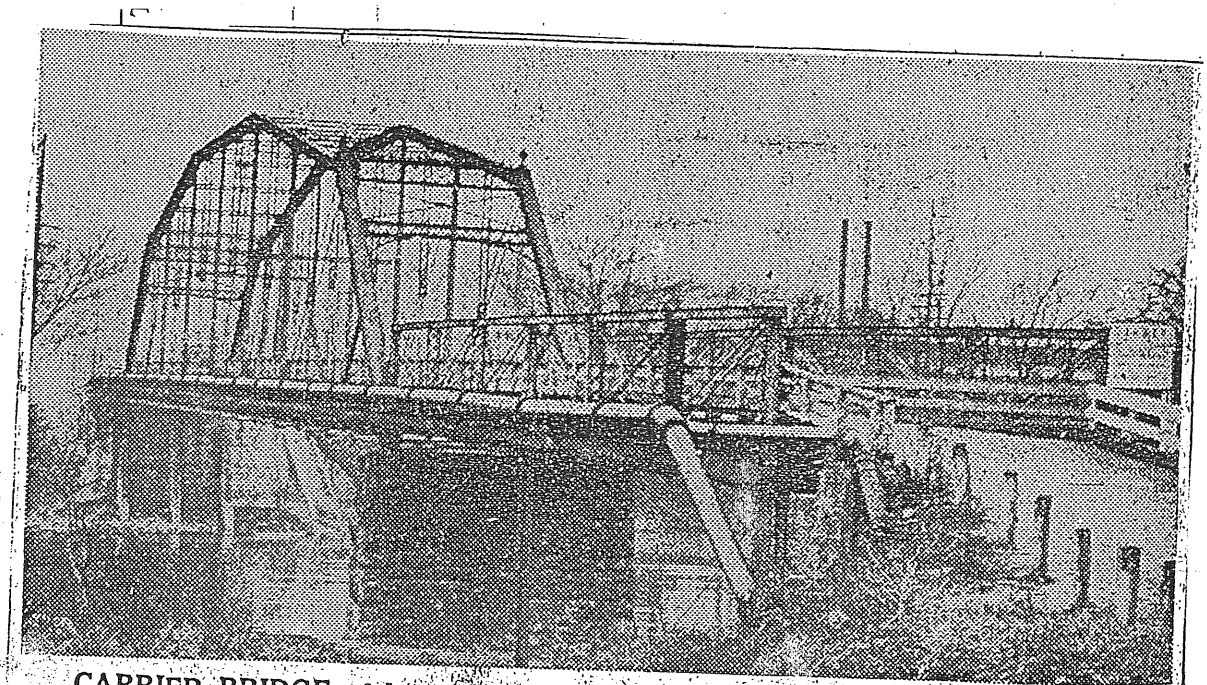

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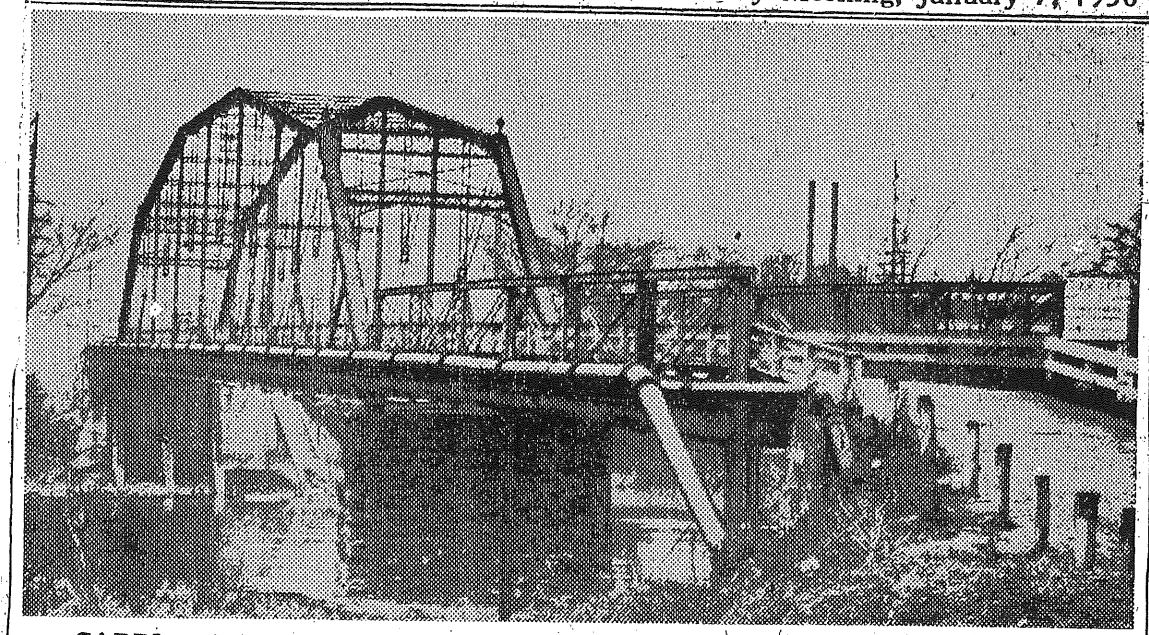

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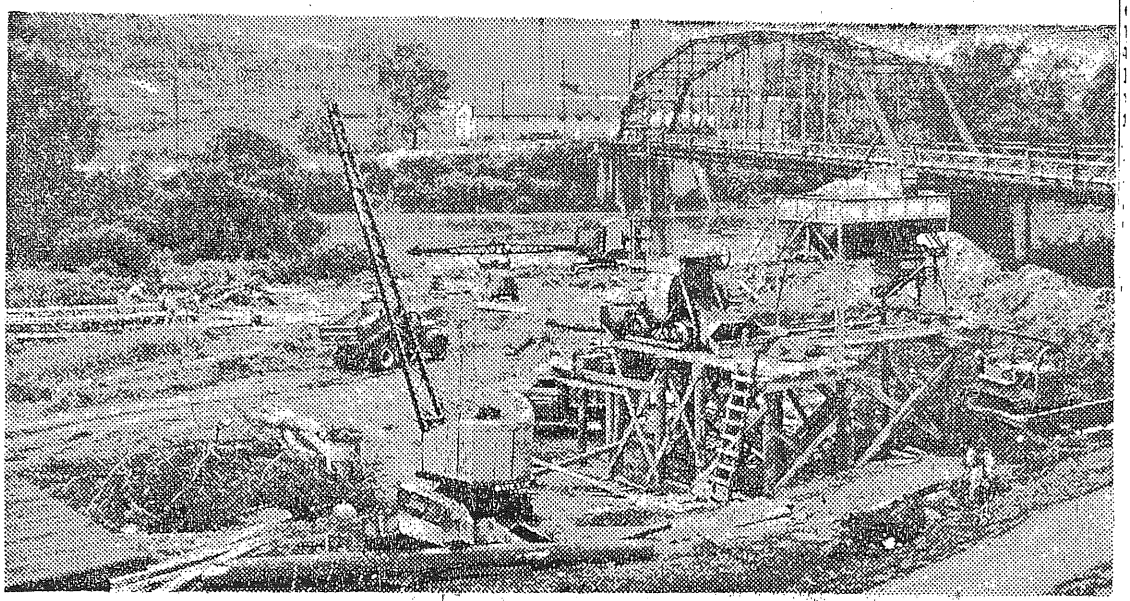

WORK ON THE NEW BRIDGE across the French Broad River, just north of its junction with the Swannanoa River, has been started by the State Highway and Public Works Commission. The new structure, to cost in excess of $100,000, will replace old Carrier Bridge shown in the background. The new 400-foot span will be higher than the old structure. It will be of concrete reinforced construction. (Citizen Photo.)

New West Asheville Bridge To Rank First Among Similar WNC Structures

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By DOUGLAS BROOKSHIRE

When completed, the new West Asheville Bridge — from the standpoint of size and cost — is expected by engineers to rank first among similar structures in the 14 Western North Carolina counties.

Statistics in the Asheville office of the State Highway and Public Works Commission vouch for this.

Second in size to the $900,000 project is a bridge over the Little Tennesee River, near Bryson City, erected in 1938.

In comparing the sizes of the two bridges, it is interesting to note that the West Asheville bridge stands 10 feet lower from its road surface to the water level of the French Broad River than the Tennessee River bridge.

The latter bridge, according to files in the SHC office cost in the neighborhood of $775,000, which is less than the SHC's latest project.

Comparing the lengths of the two bridges, records reveal that the West Asheville structure is 710 feet longer than the Little Tennessee bridge.

An average of 25 men have been employed in the construction of the West Asheville project thus far. It required the services of an average of 20 men to complete the job near Bryson City.

According to Resident Engineer George R. Prescott, who referred to his reams of paper work in the field office of the SHC on Emma Road, approximately 1,400 gallons of paint will be used in covering the steel of the West Asheville bridge.

This will include one coat of what is referred to as field red and two coatings of gray "darker than the concrete" used in the construction. The painting project alone will require approximately four months to complete, Prescott said.

The Engineer pointed out further that his statistics to date revealed that 5,135 cubic yards of concrete have been poured on the bridge. A total of 31,810 bags of concrete, brought here in 31 car loads, were required for this operation.

There were 733,028 pounds of reinforcing steel used on the bridge and 2,530,000 pounds of structural steel, according to Prescott's files.

Already, 3,085 tons of sand and 5,630 tons of stone have been used on the structure.

Five months and 10 days were required to complete the steel work.

This project was started with the erection of girders on the east end of the bridge, Monday, May 9, 1949, and completed Saturday, October 19.

Prescott's records also showed that the first pouring of concrete on the West Asheville job began the morning of July 7, 1948. The last of the six piers was completed on November 10, 1948, when pier No. 7 was completed.

Concrete work, suspended December 20, is expected to be resumed about the middle of March. The two approaches to the bridge, the final phase in the completion of the million dollar project may be completed the first of August.

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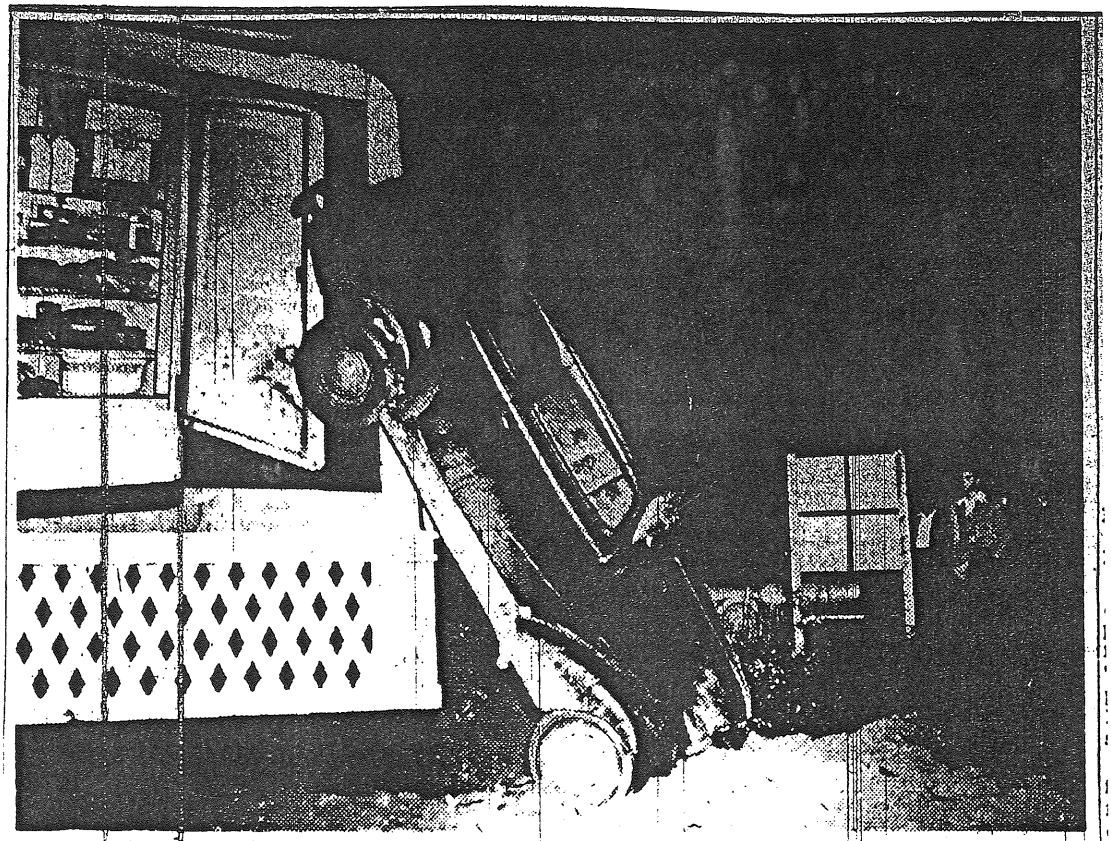

NO, YOU ARE WRONG. The driver of the car you see suspended above was not trying to raid the icebox. Edgar Martin Kuykendall, 28, of Canton told police he was going about 40 miles per hour when locked wheels caused the machine to careen from Haywood Road and strike a guy-wire on the north side of the street. Then, Kuykendall said, his car turned a complete flip and landed as shown against the outdoor advertising signboard. The freak accident took place about 1 a. m. yesterday near the Haywood Road and Malvern Hills intersection. Kuykendall was given treatment for minor lacerations at Memorial Mission Hospital. (Photo by Douglas Brookshire).

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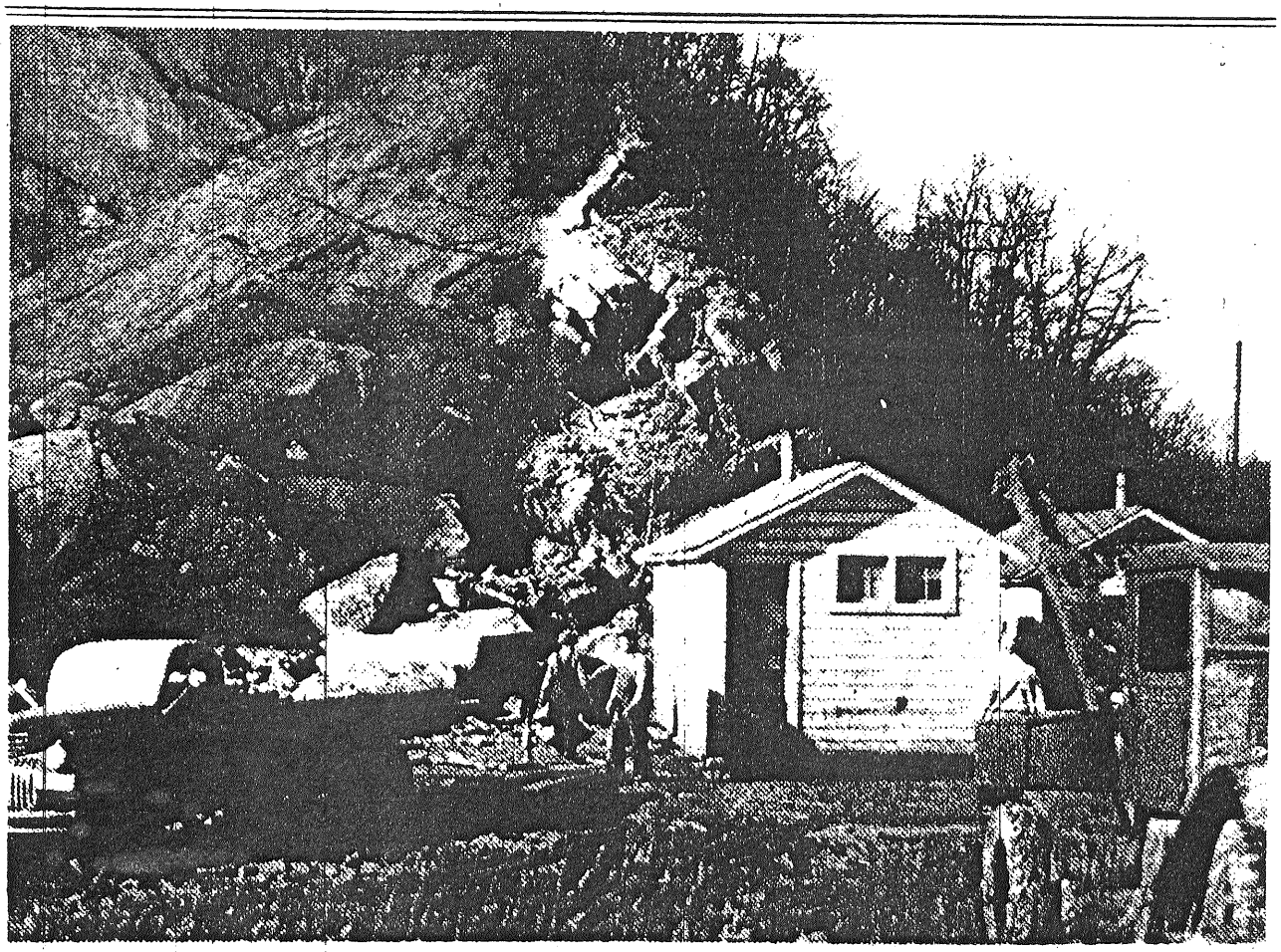

A SMALL LANDSLIDE that sent 50 to 75 tons of earth and boulders tumbling about 50 feet into rear of a small frame office building of Resident Engineer George R. Prescott of the West Asheville Bri Project slightly damaged the rear of the structure. The slide occurred about 9:30 a. m. yesterday. The p tograph was snapped while workmen, through the use of a mobile crane, dragged the structure to a location 50 feet away. The building, located on the Emma Road, is owned by the State Highway and P lic Works Commission. Work on the West Asheville Bridge, which was suspended last December, was sumed about noon yesterday by the Byers Construction Company. A force of about 20 men reported for w

Asheville Citizen February 15, 1950

Hall Fletcher, David Millard Meet In WNC Junior Finals

Asheville's two leading Junior High Schools, Hall Fletcher and David Millard, will meet tonight in the finals of the third annual Western North Carolina Junior High School tournament on the Hall Fletcher court.

The teams advanced to the finals last night by edging past their semi-final opponents — David Millard defeated Sand Hill 29 to 22, and Hall Fletcher downed Biltmore 48 to 33.

Tonight's schedule places Sand Hill against Biltmore at 7:30 o'clock in the consolation game, and David Millard against Hall Fletcher in the 8:30 finals.

David Millard had to come from behind a 10 to 8 halftime deficit to win the opening game. With Elliott and Lovingood leading the way Sand Hill kept the lead through most of the first half.

However, David Baumann got hot in the last half to pull the game out of the fire. Baumann scored 13 points for top laurels.

Red Landers, Herbert Moses and Richard Bugg paved the way to the Hall Fletcher victory. The Fletcherites rolled to a 26 to 10 half time advantage and coasted in.

Edmonds of Biltmore with 20 points took scoring honors. Landers was high for the winners with 14 points. Moses added 12 and Bugg ten.

Tonight's finals will be the first meeting between the two local junior highs this season. Both rolled up good season's records, Hall Fletcher going undefeated and David Millard losing only one game, and later avenging that.

The game is ruled a toss-up. Both teams possess scoring punch and good defensive power.

The Lineup:

David Millard (29)	Sand Hill (22)
F—Robinson	Elliott (6)—F
F—Jenkins (2)	Cagle—F
C—Bauman (13)	Lyda (2)—C
G—Earp (4)	Whisnant (4)—G
G—Warner (7)	Lovingood (6)—G

Subs: David Millard: Kilpatrick (3). Sand Hill: Griffen, Davis (4).
Halftime: Sand Hill 10, David Millard 8
Referees: Tweed and Gaddy.

The Lineup:

Hall Fletcher (48)	Biltmore (33)
F—Jones (4)	Mills—F
F—Landers (14)	Rhew (3)—F
C—Moses (12)	Edmonds (20)—C
G—R. Bugg (10)	Randall (6)—G
G—Pappas (4)	Edmonston (4)—G

Subs: Hall Fletcher: Arrington, Buckner, Swayingin (1), C. Bugg (1), Snipes (2). Biltmore: Strope, Fressley, Silvey.
Halftime, Hall Fletcher 26, Biltmore 10
Referee: Tweed and Gaddy

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New Episcopal Church Named St. George's

St. George's Episcopal Church is the name chosen for the newly organized Episcopal Church in West Asheville.

The congregation decided on the name at a meeting yesterday following a celebration of Holy Communion with the Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, as the celebrant.

The church was organized on January 15 of this year and services are held in the American Legion Hall. A committee of members is studying a possible site for the church.

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Jeffress, Former Newspaperman Here, Describes Asheville Of 1908-11

By E. C. B. JEFFRESS

Perhaps the best way to begin is to give some data on my Asheville connection. My parents moved to Asheville in 1902 in order to give the family of seven children the advantages of the educational facilities which blessed Asheville at that time. We lived at 48 Spruce Street, known as the Old Kentucky Home. It was rented from a Rev. Mr. Meyer of Kentucky and was operated as a boarding house, of which Asheville at that time had many. They accommodated a large number of people who came to Asheville for health reasons. The city had attracted a fine group of physicians, specialists in many fields, who contributed much to widen the community horizon. Asheville had contacts with people in many sections and thus early assumed a cosmopolitan way of thinking.

In the fall, I entered Orange Street High School, from which I graduated in 1903 with a class of some 40 boys and girls. Among the faculty at that time was the principal T. E. Hamby, teachers J. E. Swain and Miss Anderson, and Miss Mae Kimberly, who taught music and singing. The superintendent of the school system then was R. G. Tighe, whose office was in the City Hall at the east end of Court Square. From there I entered the University of North Carolina. Through the influence of Professor Swain, I was able to get the scholarship assigned to Asheville. I graduated with the class of 1907, of which Judge John J. Parker was president and Allen Morrison of Asheville a class member.

Therefore, I remember Asheville in the days when the Courthouse occupied the Square, centered about the Vance Monument. The Courthouse was later to be moved through the interest and influence of George W. Pack, to the Knickerbocker place on College Street where Mr. Harris operated a well-known boarding house in a brick house with spacious grounds. This was acquired for the new Courthouse site, and the new building was erected. It served until the present skyscraper building was erected.

Buncombe always had a fine bar, with the great legal talent attracting many interesting cases.

The Courthouse was later removed and the Pack Library erected on the south side of the square. The Square was always the center of Asheville traffic, as it was the custom in the early days for the population to concentrate around the Courthouse. There the citizens of the various sections of the county met and exchanged news with each other. There was always a neighborliness around the Courthouse, as nearly everybody had business there at one time or another. Wagoners would bring along surplus hams and other country products to be traded. In the summer season, the covered wagons from Rutherford County would bring wagons loaded with Rutherford watermelons, the big round type of melon with a dark green skin and solid red meat. An ordinance of the city later required that all peddlers were to park on the eastern side of the City Hall. The market house was in the basement of the City Hall. There the meat and fish markets as well as the green groceries still operate, hence the market was the center of attraction for the housewives of Asheville.

Because of the health feature, Asheville early established an ordinance on milk, markets, etc. Dr. Carl Reynolds was the city health officer. Asheville might well be termed the leader in public health. Later Dr. Reynolds was to become a state health officer and in his diplomatic way advanced the state health program as fast as the public funds would permit. His Buncombe experience no doubt proved a fine laboratory of experience for his later signal work.

After graduating from the University of North Carolina, I accepted a position to teach at Bingham School, that great school for boys which was operated by Colonel Robert Bingham and his sons-in-law, Messrs. McGee and Grinnan of Bingham Heights. During the summer between graduating and the start of the school in the fall, I was at Canton at the time of the construction of the plant of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company. There I engaged in the publication of a weekly newspaper, The Canton Vindicator.

In the fall I moved over to Bingham Heights and took up my work. The Colonel operated his school on an individualistic basis. For the school, he used what was known as Bingham's time. This time was based on sun time and differed an hour from Asheville time. The school worked straight through and on Monday had a day off. With it all, the Colonel was a great educator. In the absence of an efficient public school system in much of the South, it was an outstanding institution, drawing patronages from wide areas of the South. The Colonel was a strict disciplinarian and boys had to observe the school code even when the grey uniforms filled the streets of Asheville on Sundays after church or Monday. If the boys got an excess of demerits, they had to take turns in the guard house and a "bread and water diet". The victim could take along blankets and sleep it off if he so chose. Sunlight brought release.

Colonel Bingham was a crony and great friend of that other educator who operated at Bell Buckle, Tenn., Sawney Webb. They liked to swap experiences with the wayward youths. Colonel Bingham insisted upon honor among the students. If one thought he was insulted by another student, he could invite his aggressor to the "grass", the center of the dividing line between the rows of one-story buildings serving as barracks. There they could pound each other, under supervision of the battalion officer, with bare hands until they felt satisfied. The very presence of this custom was sufficient to prevent its use. In my two years there I do not recall its use once. But as an escape means, it was a valuable adjunct to training upon which the Colonel insisted. Maybe if we had more of the Colonel Binghams we could solve some of the juvenile delinquency cases so pestering citizenship today. The Colonel's son, Robert Bingham, chose law rather than following his family tradition of teaching. He served as Ameri-

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Rhododendron City Park Embraces 110-Acre Tract

Refuge for picnickers and range for skeet shooters is Rhododendron Park, a 110-acre tract in West Asheville that the City started in 1928.

National open skeet shoots are held in an area of the park that is equipped with perhaps the finest arrangement for that sport in Western North Carolina. The first Land of the Sky National Open Skeet Shoot was held in 1940, $5,000 having gone into preparations for the four-day events.

Trees of many varieties abound in the natural setting of the park. Many varieties existed there long before the inception of the land as a City recreation area and beauty spot. Since its founding the park has been planted sparingly with rhododendron, azalea and laruel. The Asheville Garden Club and the City of Asheville worked together to plant in the area trees that represent all varieties that are indigenous to North Carolina. Metal plates at the bases of the trees give both botanical and common names.

Buildings once dotted the area, other than the existing pavilions and comfort stations. Legends have popped up concerning them, principally on the belief that one or more were haunted.

According to one story, the buildings and many of the trees were put there years ago by M. A. Ryerson of Chicago, Ill., who ownec a considerable portion of the present tract.

Aston Park Hospital Dates Back To 1922

In March, 1922, Dr. Arthur Pritchard, Dr. James G. Anderson and Dr. A. W. Calloway founded French Broad Hospital, on the corner of South French Broad Avenue and Hilliard Street.

In 1929 the institution's name was changed to Aston Park Hospital, and it was operated by a group of business men under lease. In 1932 Aston Park Hospital, Inc., bought the institution. The officers included C. J. Ebbs, Bernard Elias and H. B. Posey.

The hospital was approved by the Duke Endowment, which helped finance charity cases.

The Pritchard Memorial wing was opened early in 1928. In 1939 the old structure which had stood empty for eight years was razed and the lot landscaped and planted in shrubs and flowers.

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Traces Of Ancient Indian Path Are Still Visible

By Dr. GAIL TENNENT

A band of white men, maybe two or three, maybe a half dozen or more, young, intrepid and fired with the urge to see what lay beyond the far horizons, stood at the point where our present highway crosses the divide at Swannanoa Gap. It was early in the seventeenth century and a century had passed — three generations— since the Spanish gold seekers had penetrated some parts of the wilderness that lay before them, leaving only a mine shaft or two and vague descriptions of their wanderings. These young men were the first of our nordic race to glimpse the soft-loveliness of the hazy mountains and taste the sprightly tang in the air of the highlands.

This is only fantasy and yet among the restless youth of the early Virginia settlements, many of them restive under the bond of indenture to labor and most of them itching for adventure, reason indicates that some should slip away and press forward into the unknown.

To do this was far easier than it seems. We are accustomed to think of bands of early explorers hacking their way through a trackless wilderness. It was by no means thus that they traveled, for the Bureau of American Ethnology Reports state that apparently from remote times what is now North Carolina was traversed by an east and west highway. A highway as adequate to the needs of the time as the broad band of concrete that now passes through the gap is to our needs. It must be remembered that even in the England they had left most of the travel was on foot or on horseback over roads little if any better than this highway.

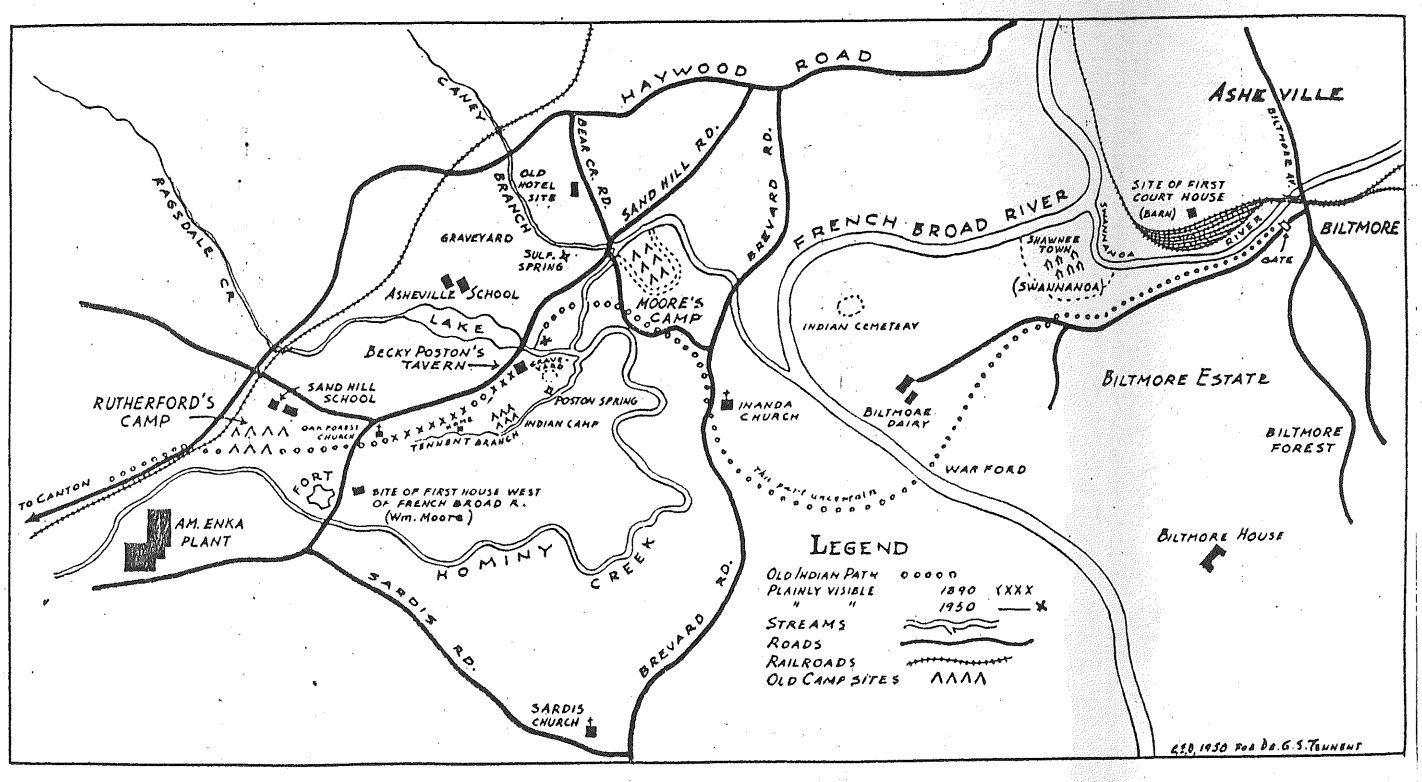
What did this band see as they rested there in the gap and what manner of land did they enter upon?

In answering this question we leave the realm of fancy and enter that of real facts, substituting for our band of thrill seekers a small party of authentic explorers.

Dr. F. A. Sondley in his history of Buncombe County states that in 1673 General Abraham Wood in command of Fort Henry, now Petersburg, in the Virginia settlements, sent two white men, James Needham and Gabriel Arthur with some Cherokee Indians, who had visited at the fort, to explore the mountain country. From the description of the country given after their return it was his (Sondley's) opinion that the crossing was made at Hickory Nut Gap rather than at the Swannanoa. In any event these were the first white men of record to look upon our county of Buncombe. The fact that a party of Cherokee Indians had traveled upward of 400 miles to the Virginia settlements indicates a route by which men were accustomed to travel. During his stay with the Indians Gabriel Arthur traveled with his hosts once to Port Royal, S. C., and once to the mouth of the Kanawa River and down to Portsmouth, Ohio, making 1600 miles in five months. The highways must have been well known and good.

The nature of the landscape that met their eyes was not a dense virgin forest: it was rather that of the "Oak Openings" of the Fenimore Cooper period. Where the bottom lands were extensive as along the Swannanoa, lower Cane Creek, Mills River and especially along the upper French Broad, there were prairies, large for a mountain country and, wherever the terrain was low, rolling hills as in West Asheville and most of the Hominy Valley. It resembled the Kentucky scene: open pasture-like stretches with only the steeper and rougher hills supporting heavy stands of oak. Chestnuts, black walnuts and butternuts formed a substantial part of the Indians' food and it was only in the openings that these trees bore heavy crops.

The writer well remembers the woods of Hominy Valley where the stumps, only then beginning to decay after the first onslaugh of the sawmills, marked the nature of the original forest. Only in small areas the stumps of centenarian trees denoted the venerable age of ancestral oaks with here and there standing a veteran of two or three hundred years too rugged and heavy for the appetite of the one-horse sawmills.



THE ROUTE OF THE ANCIENT Indian Path in Buncombe County is shown on this map prepared especially to illustrate the accompanying article by Dr. G. S. Tennent. Through recollections of his boyhood days in this county, supplemented by research, Dr. Tennent is able to record for posterity one of the interesting features of the mountain country.

The "Indian Path" that is the object of this study crosed from the east into the present Buncombe County at Swannanoa Gap. According to an article by Myer in the 42nd annual Report of the American Bureau of Ethnology, it was the western end of the only ancient route that crossed the state from east to west beginning at the coast.

In his introduction to the report he gives only a single paragraph to the origin of this and other paths, stating that all over America these paths had existed from prehistoric times, having been made and kept open by the larger animals in their passage from one feeding ground to another. John Arthur in his "History of Western North Carolina" quotes Bishop Spangenburg's diary that in early settlement days the only roads were buffalo trails. To cite only one of the numerous references to the presence of buffalo in our state, Audubon, in his Quadrupeds of North America, states that they had been killed as far to the east as the Cape Fear River, Indeed, a buffalo bull was killed at Bull Gap only nine miles northeast of Asheville in 1815. In former times, in herds small in comparison with those of their kin on the western plains, they roamed from one to another of the larger pastures where they could hide themselves in the cane-brakes and thickets; thus keeping open the paths. The main part of our present city was within the edge of the region of rough forested hills and mountains that extended with few small openings to the East Tennessee Valley, so the path of our study by-passed it.

For a detailed description of the course of the path through Buncombe County we will quote from the same article in the 42nd volume of the Ethnology reports under the caption of "Rutherford's War Trace":

"On September 1st. 1776 the army of North Carolina, 2,400 strong, under General Griffith Rutherford crossed the Blue Ridge at Swannanoa Gap following the main trail almost along the present line of the railway down the Swannanoa to its junction with the French Broad, crossing the latter at Warrior Ford . . . thence up Hominy Creek and across the ridge to Pigeon River . . . a few miles below the junction of the E and W. forks, thence to Richland Creek . . . until they came to the first Cherokee town, Stekoa," just above Whittier.

It is our object to focus attention on our own portion of the path that lies between Biltmore and Enka.

Beginning at the old entrance gate to Biltmore Estate, the route closely follows that of the Approach Road. The point where this road enters the large meadow is on the south side and across the Swannanoa River from the site of the Davidson barn. Here the first Buncombe County Court was held. The meadow itself marks the location of the only Indian town known to have been in the county, and this was the town of the Shawnees in their first stay in our Carolina Mountains after taking over the Cherokee hunting grounds. Rutherford it is supposed was the first one to give it the name "Swannanoa."

Following the Approach Road route a short distance it turned S. W. along the present road to the Biltmore Dairy as far as the gap in the hills where it turned somewhat southward to the "War Ford" of the French Broad.

From this point to the junction of the present Brevard Road with the Bear Creek Road the route is uncertain, but it follows approximately the latter road to the Hominy bridge. Two or three hundred yards before reaching the bridge a field lies to the west of the road and through the dense growth of locusts on this flat the original route of the Bear Creek Road may be seen paralleling the present one which probably displaced the older one when Henry's mill was built. A little hill rises to the southeast of the bridge and this little hill and the bottom surrounding it are of great historic interest. Early in the 19th century William Henry, son of Robert Henry of Kings Mountain fame, built a mill where Caney Creek joins Hominy and cut a new channel for the latter creek. Before this, Hominy Creek had made a big loop around the hill and it was in the protection of this loop that Captains William Moore and John Harden camped in September, 1776, awaiting orders from Rutherford.

Accounts of the timing of these two forays against the Cherokees are somewhat confused, but both are known to have engaged the Indians with losses on both sides and both seem to have enjoyed the then popular pastime of burning Indian towns and probably carrying off women and children for slaves though records are silent about this phase of the war. It may be that the Indians could run faster.

One tradition of this encampment survives as told by a grandson of Robert Henry. The late Edward Henry, an employe of the Asheville Post Office, said that Capt. Moore, annoyed by dogs that came at night and stole venison brought in by hunters, proceeded to poison some meat or offal. Instead of dogs, an old Indian spy got the poison and in his death agony laid a curse on the land around Sulphur Springs, thinking the water had poisoned him. The curse held until the beginning of our century, no fewer than three or more hotels built on the land having burned the last one in 1893. It is presumed that this curse, like all respectable and self-respecting curses, has long since petered out, not being active after the third generation. It has now been nearly 60 years since the last manifestation, the area is thickly settled and there are no reports of even false calls from the fire department.

The first of these hotels, built by the Henry family early in the century was the pioneer of the many that later dotted the mountain country. It and its successors, taking advantage of the universal craze for mineral waters in the 19th century, catered to the wealthy planters of the South.

In the woods midway between the Asheville School and the spring is the secluded old cemetery whose markers bear the names of many families of the old South.

On a little knoll on the left of Sand Hill Road at its first bend after crossing Caney Branch stands an ancient white oak at whose foot until recent times two unlettered tombstones marked the graves either of Indians or of two members of Moore's army.

Following Sand Hill Road going west we are to the north of the Path and at the point where the road turns south to descend to the dam of the school lake, the Path parallels it on the left only a matter of ten or 15 yards away. The last 400 feet of the descent to the dam is the real center of interest in connection with this study, for it is here in the thicket of small pines, where in places a mat of honeysuckle vines carpets the ground, that the course of The Path down hill to Ragsdale Creek is plainly evident to the experienced eye.

The close embrace of the tangled vines has so checked the natural erosion that one only needs to disregard the depressions left by little gullies that had set, in before the viney carpet was laid and keep to the straight course down which we were wont in childhood to drive the cows home from the far pasture. We come upon it immediately to the south of a lot of ground which at this time, 1950, is evidently being readied for building and it is marked by a depression two or three feet below the general level. Many years ago one of the ancients told us that he had heard an early settler say that in his youth the path was worn down in places "shoulder deep". By virtue of this childhood knowledge we are able at this late date to point out the last remaining vestige of the great highway that for unknown ages served different races of man and beast.

Twenty or thirty feet below the dam The Path crossed Ragsdale Creek where the first settler, John Poston, built a mill about the turn of the 19th century.

At some early date a man was murdered or at least done to death on the raceway to this mill. It is a commentary on the changed attitude of the public to note that, in a day when violence of this kind was supposed to be more common, tradition of this act persisted for at least two generations.

But thereby hangs a tale. This mill was built primarily for the use and behoof of the owner, but, it is known that he operated a distillery near the mill or maybe a quarter mile to the south across the hill where John Poston lived near the "Poston Spring." In our day no trace of furnace rocks remained. If he ground for custom he probably added the toll he collected to the large crops he raised by the labor of the slaves he had brought with him from the Catawba country. Five hundred yards away to the S. E. on the top of a hill known to us as "the Grave-yard Hill" were nearly a score of graves reputed to be those of the slaves and marked only with uncut field stones. In 'possum hunting we avoided this spot.

In those early days the spotlight of the county was focused on a point some hundred yards immediately south of the southern abutment of the present dam on a quarter-acre level area in the center of which now stands a barn.

We knew it only as "Becky Postons" and it was only a heap of chimney stones, but it had been "Becky Poston's Tavern", in its heyday the only public house west of the river, the forerunner of the many night spots of today. It must have been patronized by some of the travelers who passed along The Path, still the main highway to the west. As for local patronage and the manner in which it was run, two things must be considered: its proprietor and that of the distillery were irked by no excise taxes nor by the presence of inspectors, and, in the second place, most of the settlers were straight laced Scotch-Irish from the Piedmont.

A single episode will serve to bring to life the presence of the same old opposing social forces we have today. Recently one of our prominent citizens, in looking up some ancestors, was shown an unmarked grave just outside the family burying ground with the comment that its occupant, a collateral relative, had been taken ill and died at Becky Poston's tavern.

Passing up the hill south of Ragsdale Creek The Path was still our cattle path and lay close to the left of the present road and after it turns to the westward along the top of the ridge one may see down in the little valley to the left the home to which we drove the cows.

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The cow barn is gone, but there stands the house where this writer was born and which was built by one of the forebears of our attorney, G. Lyle Jones.

This is only mentioned as a point whereon to hang another tale. In our childhood in front of the house was a gently sloping field where we not only plied the hoe, but where in leisure moments we searched the up-turned furrows where rains washed out arrowheads, bits of pottery and charcoal. All denoting that it had once been an Indian camp along the stream now known as "Tennent's Branch" (spelled wrong on the TVA map.)

One curious reward of this hunt was the finding of occasional bits of old English china, a problem for the archaeologists.

Some hundred yards before reaching the Oak Forest Church, founded by four or five of our families in 1875, The Path, deviating from the road, was quite plain to us as we crossed it by a short-cut path to Sunday School. An older brother of lively imagination transformed Washington Irving's Headless Horseman into an Indian who stalked the trail at night with his head in his hand, the only fly in the pleasant ointment of Christmas trees and other night entertainments we enjoyed.

A slight linear depression of a hundred or so yards in the forest carpet can still be made out if one looks closely enough.

Back of the church it began to bear to the right and by a track long ago lost passed through the small bottom lands northeast of Enka marked on the map as General Rutherford's camp. Here our map ends at the Murphy Line railway which follows its probable course all the way to Canton where we leave it at the head of the "Locust Field."

"A "War Ford" of Hominy Creek is mentioned in some land grants, but its location is not definite. Tradition is also confused as to the actual course of The Path for upward of a mile after leaving the point back of the church where it ceased to be positively located by our generation. Had it followed a straight course in the same direction it would have crossed the creek twice and missed the spot where Rutherford is known to have camped and the Indians disliked fords.

General Rutherford made his camp here, probably the first, after leaving Swannanoa Gap. He was here to meet forces from the South approaching along the present Sardis Road.

Traveling the Sand Hill Road one comes to a crossroad just beyond the church. It has long been as at present a sort of flat plaza where the original Sand Hill School house stood. Built early in the last century this schoolhouse was the community center for several generations of Hominy people where many leaders of the time picked up the rudiments, some even getting all their formal education within its walls.

From here on down the hill and all the way to Enka it is known as the Enka Road. Just before it reaches the bridge it passes between two points of real historic interest. On the last eminence to the left of the road before it reaches the creek stands now a bungalow on the spot where Captain William Moore built the first permanent residence set up to the west of the French Broad.

Soon after his expedition against the Cherokees, having obtained title to the land, he returned with some of his slaves whom he left to clear land and raise a crop. Later he came back and built the log house that stood for more than a century. In our time it had been covered over with a skin of weatherboarding and for many years housed the family of the late Dr. David Gudger.

We used to play in an outbuilding known as the "block house". This was so named because its timbers had once formed part of Capt. Moore's fort.

The fort was built subsequent to the war above referred to and stood some 200 yards to the right of the Enka Road just before it reaches the creek and probably straddled the small stream that crosses the bottom.

We have seen no reference to the matter in any of the records available and the reason for the secrecy is not clear but it probably sprang from some feeling of jealousy, long forgotten. The reason for the fort's existence is plain enough. The settlers and prospective settlers wanted security and were afraid that the authorities at Raleigh would not see eye to eye with them and so took matters into their own hands and raised their own army and built their own forts.

They achieved security for many of the well-known family names of the Catawba valley prevail in the Hominy valley today and more of them are found in the early land records of the county—those who were afflicted with the "land fever" that followed the frontiers westward.

The Path, alas, whose beginnings were in antiquity, though probably not until long after the ice cap had receded from the Ohio, is now approaching a period when it will no longer be even a memory.

Before it has entirely disappeared it is the intention of the State Department of Archives and History to perpetuate at least the tradition of The Path by setting up one or more of the bronze markers we are accustomed to see along the highway.

On our part we would like to note for future generations at least what sort of use was made of it.

For many centuries it appears that it was the trail of the American buffalo and the elk. The presence of this game there began to attract the first humans whose identity we leave to the ethnologists; that is to say, whether or not they were the ancestors of our modern American Indians. Well within the period following Columbus our Cherokee Indians moved in only to be run out by the more warlike and nomadic Shawnees. The Shawnees moved out within the period of the eastern settlements and the Cherokees returned, sharing with the game the use of this super-highway.

Then for a time an occasional, wandering party of irresponsible hunters slipped along it.

They were followed by a mere handful of authorized explorers. Then came the armies of the Indian raids to be followed immediately by the first settlers and the pioneers going west.

After the county of Buncombe was formed one of the first things the authorities set in motion was the movement for roads that would carry wheeled vehicles. Even this would not have so quickly put our old Path into the background but for one thing. Fact or fancy there is a well-known tradition about the choice of present day Asheville as the site of the county seat. It is said that it was chosen, instead of the much more favorable land along The Path near West Asheville, because someone had set up a distillery on the east side of the French Broad and it was several years before Poston's time.

From this time on The Path rapidly fell into disuse and it gradually grew into the forest except where the local settlers made use of sections of it as farm roads. In our time we so used a part of it.

Before the building of the Asheville School dam it performed its last service as the route of certain small boys whistling to keep up their courage against the gathering darkness as they drove home the cows. With uncanny premonition they peopled The Path with the ghosts of long slain warriors and pioneer settlers that today, or, should we say, "tonight", are its only travelers.

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Westall Was First To Fly Plane Here

Landed Ship In Baird Bottoms 31 Years Ago

By EARL T. FREEMAN

Aviation, although still in its infancy in Asheville, has come a long way since the City first became air-minded in 1919.

It was in 1919 that Henry Westall, pioneer flier of this section, flew his plane to Asheville over the Blue Ridge Mountains and landed in Baird Bottoms, now covered by Beaver Lake.

The ship, a Jenny with an eight-cylinder OX5 engine, was the first ever to be flown to Asheville. Westall put on an air show and carried passengers.

The first passenger was Westall's mechanic, Henry Crowell, and the second was Scott Dillingham.

Lincoln Beechy made the first flight here in 1912, but he sent his plane to Asheville by flat car. After a few minutes in the air, Beechy announced that the mountain currents were too tricky for him and abandoned the idea of any further flying here.

Westall's plane was one of a lot of trainers which had been used by the Canadian Army and was on sale in Toronto. It was purchased by a corporation, in which stock was subscribed in one afternoon. Sponsored by the Rotary Club, $3,000 in $50 shares were sold, no one person being allowed to take more than two shares.

Westall made a number of flights to towns in this and near-by states to give air shows and haul passengers. He gave up flying in 1920, selling the plane to Worth Lyerly and Dillingham. It was not long afterward that a pilot by the name of Witt creashed the ship and broke both his legs.

Lt. Maynard was reported to have made two efforts to fly to Asheville in 1916, but passed over the city both times without locating it.

Baird Bottoms, the City's first "flying field", was not used very long because of continuous cross-winds which made take-offs and landings hazardous.

A section in Haw Creek followed the bottoms as a base for flying here. The Storms and Dillinghams flew old planes from a corn field in the Haw Creek section, using another corn field on the Black Mountain Highway for an emergency landing field.

Then came Dr. J. E. Owen, Tolly J. Roberts, Ed. Buyck and Luther Johnson, flying from Carrier Field, which is still used by Dr. Owen and others.

Attention was then turned to the section now occupied by the Asheville-Hendersonville Airport.

By way of showing how much aviation is in its infancy here, there are only 13 passenger-mail flights by scheduled airlines per day here. In Charlotte there are more than a hundred.

There are no DC-6s operating at Asheville-Hendersonville Airport. That is the luxury liner of today. DC-3s, such as operate here, are smaller and less deluxe craft.

During World War II Asheville was put on the map, so to speak, by two army air force branches — the Army Airways Communications System and the Army Air Forces Weather Service. Asheville was World headquarters for both.

The present airport is inadequate from the commercial airlines' point of view. The field in inaccessible in poor flying weather because of mountains in close proximity.

No system of mechanical aid in blind landings or takeoffs is of any benefit here for that reason. Thus, when the weather is bad there are no flights in or out of the port. There are no night flights for the same reason.

Though Asheville has come a long way with respect to aviation in the last few years, it still has a long way to go.

It was only nine years ago that Asheville got its first air mail and passenger service. At that time two flights were put into service.

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Asheville Converging Point Of Stage Routes

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There were four routes, by stages, through which Asheville was reached in the days before the coming of the railroad in 1880.

Two of these routes were from the Piedmont section of North Carolina; one from South Carolina, and one from Tennessee.

A description of these routes is given in "Mountain Scenery", by Henry E. Colton, a book published in 1859. It is now a collector's item. Copies known to be in Asheville include one in the Sondley Reference Library and one in Col. Paul Rockwell's private library.

The four stage routes, as listed by Colton, were:

(1) The Swannanoa, or Morganton, Route, extending from Salisbury via Statesville, Newton, Morganton, Marion, Pleasant Gardens and Swannanoa Gap to Asheville. "About 40 miles of the route is traveled in the cars of the Western Extension, and the rest is all in daylight, over a good road, in good four horse coaches."

(2) The Hickory-Nut Gap Route, which left the North Carolina Railroad at Charlotte and proceeded through Lincolnton, Shelby, and Rutherfordton, across the mountains to Asheville.

"Fare from Salisbury to Asheville about $8 to $10. Meals and lodging about $2.50. Time on the way 36 hours, but does not travel at night."

(3) The route from South Carolina, via Greenville, Saluda Gap, Flat Rock, and Hendersonville. "The staging is only 60 miles." "There is another road to Asheville, other than that through Saluda Gap. . . It is that via Jones' Gap, taking Caesar's Head in the route. . . A new turnpike connects this place with the Sulphur Springs, near Asheville. . . There is no regular public conveyance along this route."

(4) From Greeneville, Tenn., where connection is made with the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad. From Greeneville to Warm Springs, 25 miles; from Warm Springs to Asheville, 37 miles.

Advertisements in the back of Colton's book include:

Eagle Hotel, Asheville, J. M. Blair, proprietor.

Walton House, Morganton, C. S. Brown, proprietor. "U. S. Mail Line. Four Horse Coaches. From the terminus of the Western North Carolina Railroad to Asheville, via Morganton, Marion, Pleasant Gardens, and Swannanoa Gap. . . The traveler rests over night in Morganton, dines at Carson's on the Catawba, and is in Asheville to supper. He has a fine view of the different mountains on the route, and among them the celebrated peak of the Black Mountains, —Mount Mitchell."

Buck Hotel, Asheville. Jas. H. Gudger, proprietor. "The office of the Southern, Gaston, and Murphy stages is at this house."

Livery and Sale Stables, Sullivan and Patton, proprietors. Office at Gudger's (Buck) Hotel.

"The Black Mountains, The Mountain House," T. T. Patton, proprietor. "Upon one of the peaks of this great natural curiosity, will be open for the reception of visitors early in July. . . A new turnpike road has been lately constructed from Judge Bailey's residence on the Swannanoa, via this House, to the highest peak. It will afford facilities heretofore unknown to the traveler. Any one desiring a comfortable night's rest in the highest house in the Southern States, perhaps in the United States, should not fail to stop over night and enjoy a sight of the lovely sunrise."

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City Responded To Call For Service In First World War

On April 6, 1917, when the United States declared war on Germany in the First World War, Asheville responded with a patriotic fervor that has probably not been duplicated in its history.

Within a few days Mayor J. E. Rankin of Asheville and Mayor J. L. Crook of West Asheville, then a separately-incorporated city, had called a mass meeting in the old City Auditorium.

The meeting was held on the Tuesday following the Friday on which war was declared, and for the occasion the day was declared a public holiday. Schools were let out and most stores and offices were closed.

When the day arrived, an estimated 4,000 persons jammed their way into the Auditorium, and another 3,500, unable to get in, gathered outside.

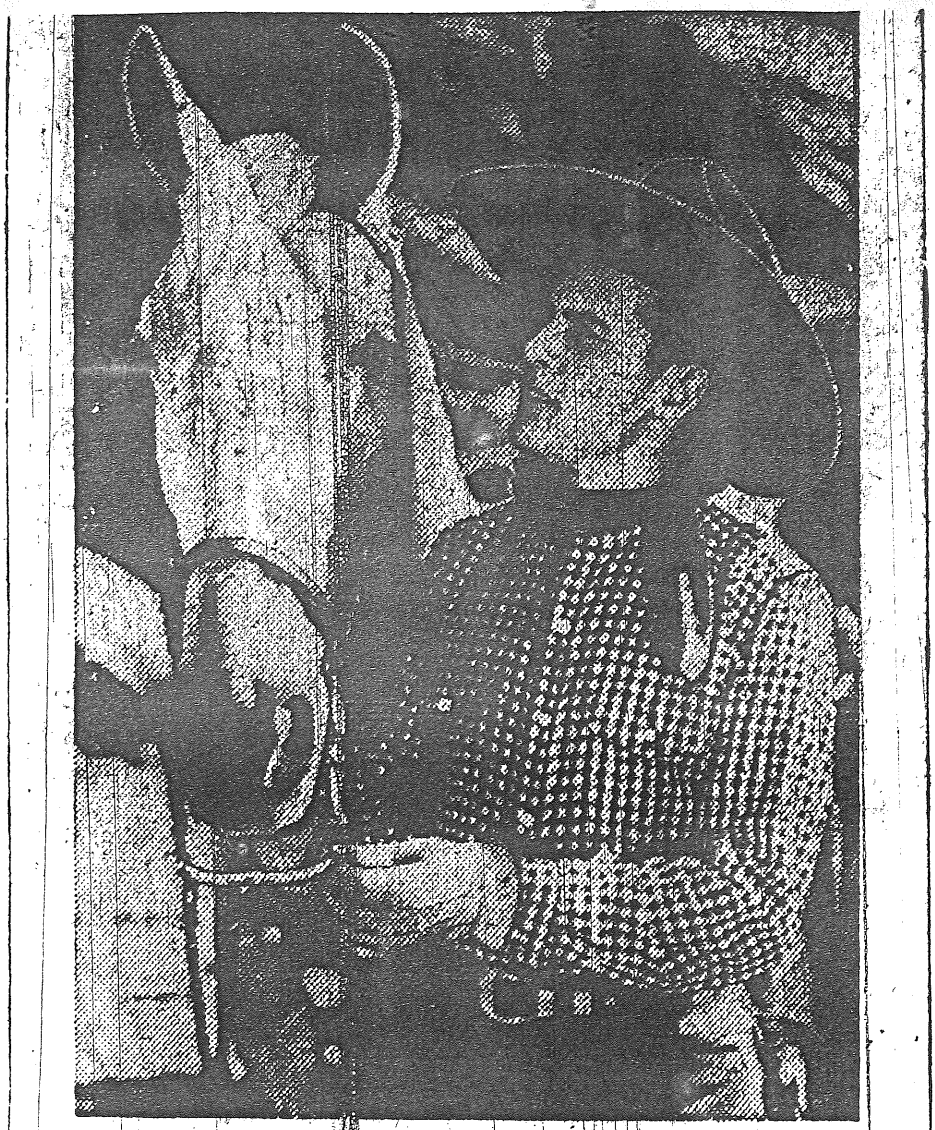
Speakers in the Auditorium included former Gov. Locke Craig, Congressman James J. Britt, Fred L. Seely and Dr. J. W. Walker. Outside the crowd heard talks by Gov. Craig, Thomas J. Harkins, Thomas Settle and D. Hiden Ramsey.

According to accounts of the day, the crowd put on a demonstration of patriotic enthusiasm such as never had been seen in the city before.

Further evidence of this enthusiasm is found in the fact that within a few days large groups of men, impatient for the call to arms, began gathering at night to drill of their own accord in the streets of the city. Wherever they drilled, large crowds gathered to watch.

But within a few weeks the outward manifestations of the city's eagerness to throw itself into the war effort wore off. For some time men with varying degrees of military training flooded the War Department with telegrams offering to "raise a company" to fight the Huns, and private citizens looked around somewhat haphazardly for some useful service to perform.

Soon, however, organization began to grow out of enthusiastic chaos. Selective Service replaced the old system of raising armies by recruiting locally-formed companies of men. Victory gardens made their appearance over the city.



KEN MAYNARD, western movie star, and his horse, Tarzan, will be featured when the Biller Brothers three-ring wild animal circus presents two performances at Asheville's Logan Showgrounds April 10.

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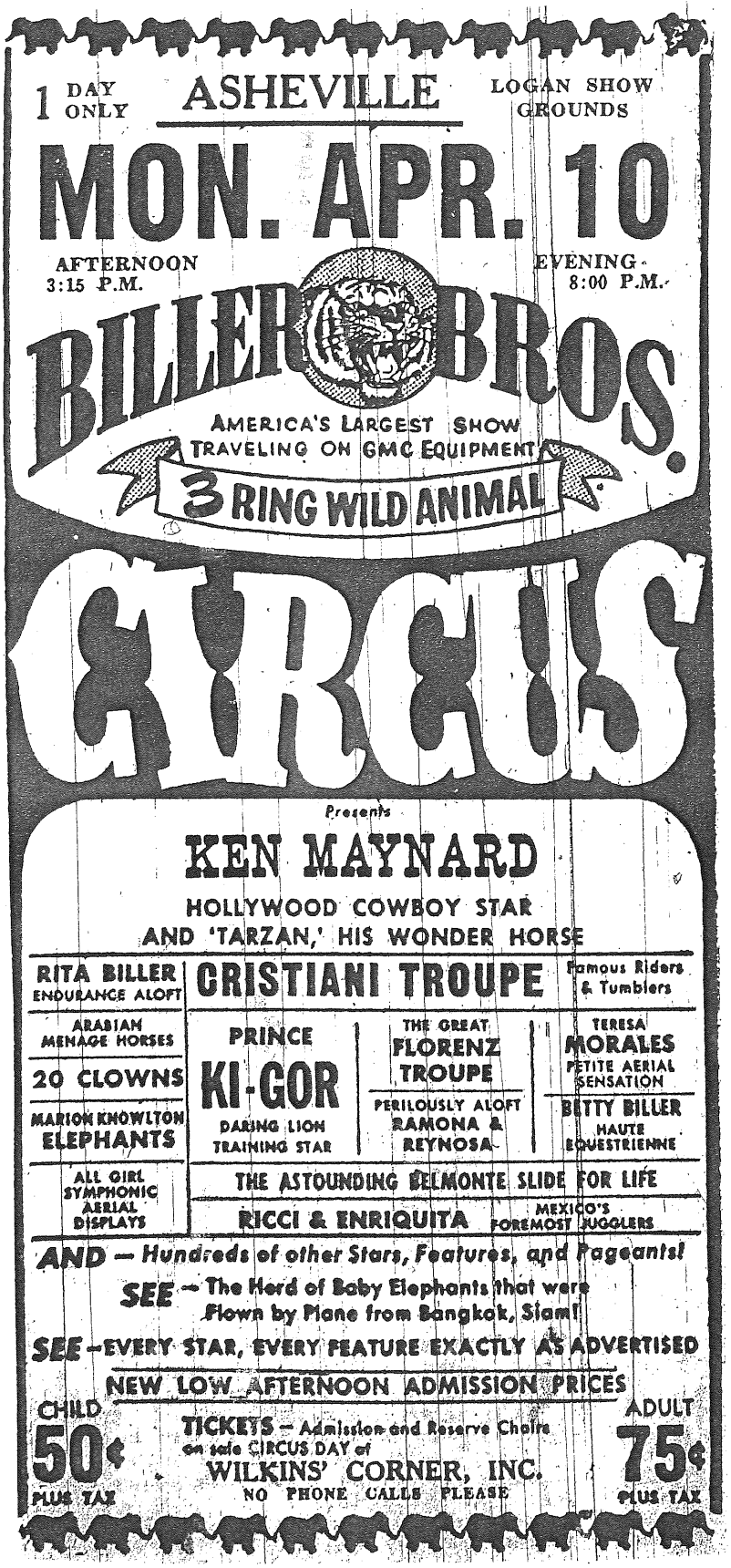

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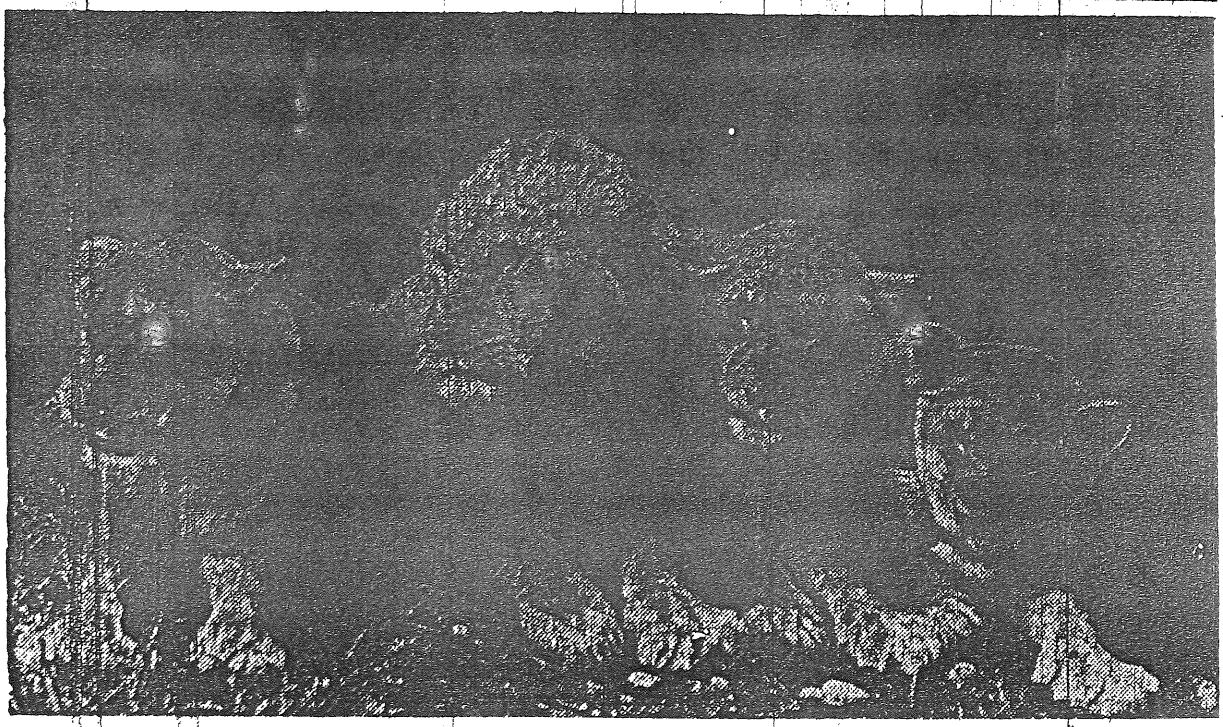

BILLER BROTHERS WILD ANIMAL CIRCUS will present two shows at Logan Show Grounds here tomorrow, at 3:15 and 8 p. m. This circus is said to be the largest one in the world which travels by truck rather than by train. In addition to aerial acts, the circus will feature a show of caged wild animals, adult trained elephants, baby elephants, Arab and Kentucky trained horses, a pony and monkey show, and a troupe of clowns.

Westwood Club Meets At Home Of Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. J. C. Johnson was hostess at a meeting of the Westwood Garden Club Friday afternoon in her home on Lanning Street. Mrs. Errol Eastman was associate hostess.

Mrs. Floyd Hipps of the Brucemont Garden Club was guest speaker and discussed "Native Birds."

Mrs. W. O. Lund, president, presided at the business session, during which Mrs. John Schell was appointed ticket chairman for the spring flower show to be sponsored by the Asheville Council o fGarden Clubs.

A social hour was held and refreshments were served.

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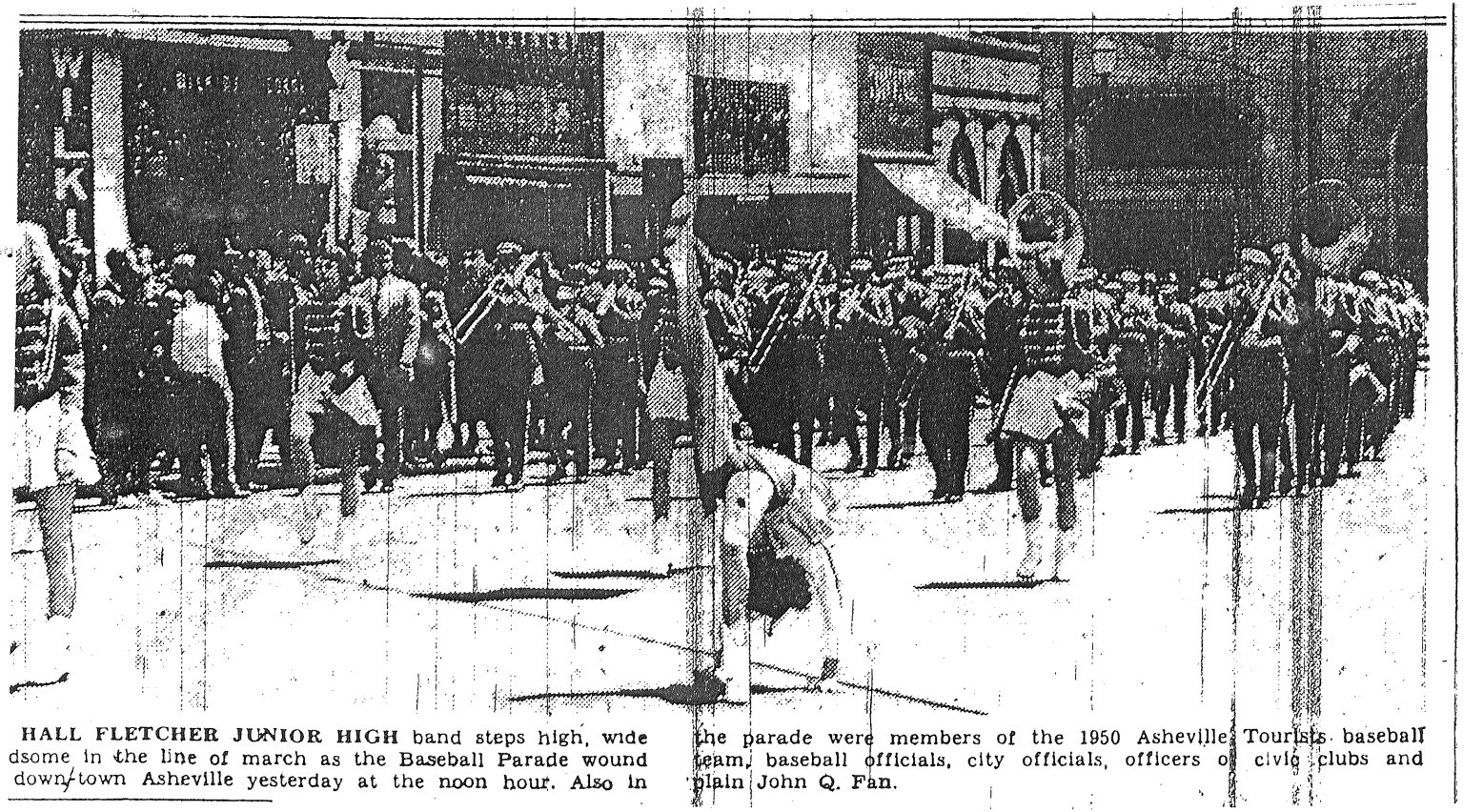

HALL FLETCHER JUNIOR HIGH band steps high, wide dsome in the line of march as the Baseball Parade wound down-town Asheville yesterday at the noon hour. Also in the parade were members of the 1950 Asheville Tourists baseball team, baseball officials, city officials, officers of civic clubs and plain John Q. Fan.

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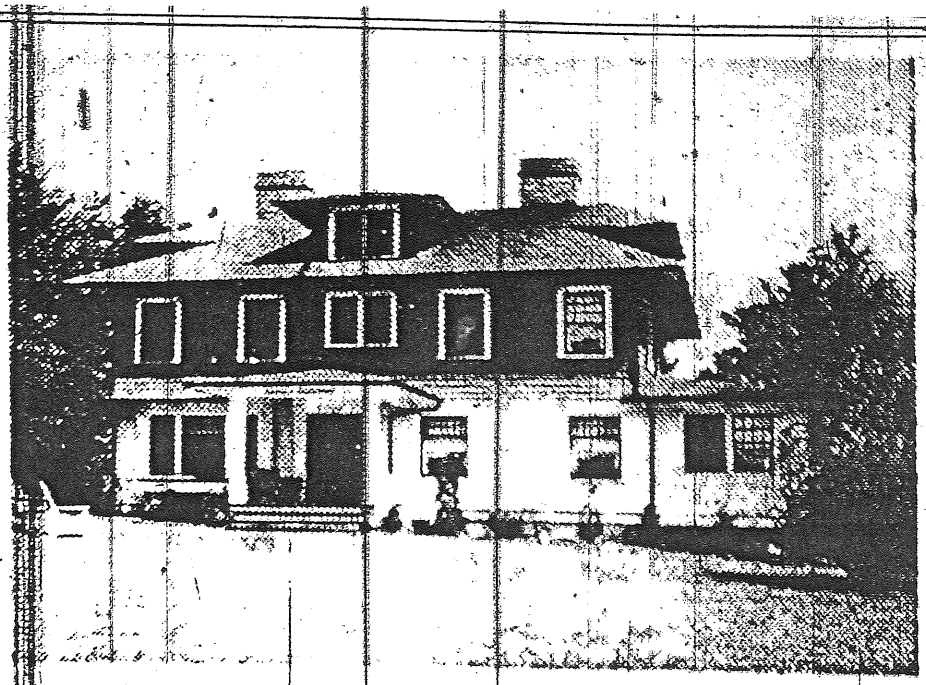

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City Maintains Widely-Scattered Playgrounds For Recreational Use

If the children of Asheville say "There isn't anything to do" — they haven't gotten the word.

The recreation department of the City of Asheville has activities planned to keep junior busy the rest of the summer, with time out for meals and the usual 10 hours of sleep.

Little sister is taken care of, too.

Playgrounds in widely-scattered residential areas are open from 9:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. and from 2 until 5 p. m. Monday through Friday, with the following trained supervisors to act as peacemakers, instructors, counselors, and general-helpful-adult: Aston Park, Mrs. Arthur Isbill; Biltmore School, Miss Emily Hamlin; Claxton School, Miss Sara Goforth; Hall Fletcher School, Miss Jean Brown; Kenilworth Park, Mrs. Grace Mellard; Malvern Hills Park, Mrs. Bonnie Jenkins; Montford Park, Miss Marjorie Holcombe; Queen Carson School. Mrs. Carl Nelson, Weaver Park, Fred Martin.

Negro playgrounds are open from 9:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. and from 3 until 6 p. m. These playgrounds and supervisors include Burton Street School, Mrs. Anna McElrath; Hill Street School, Mrs. Willie Young; Livingston Street School, Mrs. Juanita Weaver; Mountain Street School, Mrs. Noreen Russell; Walton Street Park, Miss Geraldine Bratton.

Walton Street Park for adults and children also has a fine modern swimming pool open Monday through Saturday from 10 a. m. until 7 p. m. and on Sunday 1 until 7 p. m. This pool also has free days on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, other days fees are 12 cents for children and 18 cents for adults. There are also picnic tables, courts for shuffleboard and tennis and the usual playground equipment for youngsters.

The boys' athletic schedule — for baseball and such — Monday morning, Burton Street School, afternoon, Mountain Street School playground; Tuesday morning, Livingston Street School, afternoon, Hill Street School playground, baseball; Wednesday morning, Mountain Street, afternoon, Livingston Street; Thursday morning, Hill Street, baseball, afternoon, Walton Street, tennis; Friday morning, Hill Street, baseball, afternoon Burton Street; Saturday morning, Walton Street, tennis, afternoon, Walton Street, tennis.

There are two swimming pools maintained by the city for white people, one at the Recreation Park open daily 10 a. m. until 7 p. m. and one at Malvern Hills open Monday through Saturday, 10 a. m. until 7 p. m. and Sunday from 1 until 7 p. m. Free days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

There are three teen-age centers, City Auditorium, Tuesday 8 until 10 p. m. and Valley Street Teen-Center, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8 until 10 p. m. and Burton Street Center, Thursday, 8 until 10 p. m. The latter two are for Negro teen-agers.

The boys' athletic program, directed by O. S. Clark and W. P. Griffin, includes tennis, volleyball, horseshoes, baseball and softball. George McCoy Jr., Noel Calloway and Stuart Plummer are assistants. Raymond Washington is Negro director.

Arts and crafts programs are carried on at the following playgrounds: Monday, 9 a. m.-noon, Hall Fletcher Junior High School grounds; 2:30-4:30 p. m., Montford Park playground; Tuesday, 10 a. m.-noon, Queen Carson playground; Wednesday, 10 a. m.-noon, Biltmore playground; 2:30-4:30 p. m. Claxton School playground; Thursday, 10 a. m.-noon, Weaver Park playground; Friday, 10 a. m.-noon Malvern Hill Playground, 2:30-4:30 p. m., Aston Park playground. An arts and crafts exhibit will be held in each park the week of August 7, and a city-wide exhibit in City Auditorium the week of August 14. Miss Margaret Swicegood is director of this activity.

Even though the hours quoted above are the times Miss Swicegood is at the playground, many have busy arts-and-crafts groups working other days also under the supervision of the playground director.

City parks with "play space" include:

Aston Park, swings, seesaws, sand boxes, softball diamond, picnic grounds, shuffleboard courts, tennis courts, horse shoe courts, shelter and restrooms; Malvern Hills Park, same, including the swimming pool; Montford Park, wading pool, tennis courts, horseshoe courts, shelter, restrooms; Kenilworth Park, wading pool, swings, seesaws, merry-go-rounds, clubhouse, restrooms; Weaver Park, swings, seesaws, slides, horseshoe courts, baseball diamond, restrooms; Walton Park, wading pool as well as swimming pool, tennis courts, picnic grounds and playground equipment.

In addition, there is the Municipal Golf Course which can offer big brothers, sisters and parents considerable entertainment and pleasure, and the rides and concessions at the Recreation Park.

A number of city-wide events will be held to show the general public what participants in the Recreation program have done, and to serve as finals in sports events.

The learners' tennis tournament will be held July 24, and the boys' and girls' junior tennis tournament is scheduled for July 31. Also on July 24 is the city-wide horseshoe tournament.

The all-star baseball games will be held August 2. On August 7 the crafts exhibits will be staged at the playgrounds where arts and crafts instructions have been made available, and the senior tennis tournament will be held.

The city-wide crafts exhibit will be held August14.

One week later, the playgrounds will begin closing—a first sign of the end of summer.

Streets With Same Names Confuse Public Servants

This is a story about one of the reasons why mail carriers get dizzy, why policemen grow groggy and firemen go crazy.

There are, believe it or not, 39 instances where the same name is officially applied to two or more streets. This does not mean that the names are similar but are varied by the use of road, place, street or boulevard after the proper name. It means that the names are exactly the same.

Postmaster Mark Sumner Sr., with a strong assit from Fire Chief J. C. Fitzgerald and Police Chief Eric Hall, is trying to do something to relieve the situation. He has the full cooperation of City officials, but the business of changing street names is a complex matter and must be handled carefully.

Already considerable progress in clearing up confusion has been made. In Albemarle Park, for example, the cottages that for three or four decades have been known by proper names, usually after flowers, have now been given numbers on the streets where they are situated.

A lot of new work is coming up in street-naming and numbering of houses in connection with the opening of the new West Asheville bridge. It has been suggested to the City Council that the name of Patton Avenue be given to the new road from the end of Patton Avenue to Johnston Boulevard and that the name North Hanover be given the street that ties the new road into Haywood Road opposite Hanover Street. This would involve only the changing of the lower portion of Patton avenue to Haywood Street, since it is a direct extension of the present Haywood Street and the numbers could run consistently.

To show how dangerous this duplication in names can be, take this example. Suppose an excited voice should call the fire department and say:

"Come to 17 Ridge Street — my house is on fire!"

Having given the alarm the person making the call hangs up before the dispatcher on duty at the fire department switchboard can get any more information.

There are four Ridge Streets, so the dispatcher does not know whether to send the fire trucks to Ridge Street at the junction of Pine and Hazzard Streets, Ridge Street in East Biltmore, Ridge Street in Central Park or Ridge Street in Woodfin.

The police department, receiving an urgent call, might have the same difficulty, and the man who sorts the mail at the Post Office might be puzzled to the point of muttering "Eeny, Meeny, Miney Moe" and then taking a chance with a letter.

Here is how the duplications in streets look when they are put end to end:

Adams Street off Bartlett Street and Adams Street in Woodfin. Beverly Road in Beverly Hills and Beverly Road in West Asheville. Canterbury Road in Beverly Hills and Canterbury Road in The Manor grounds. Carter Street off Patton Avenue and Carter Street in Woodfin. Center Street in Biltmore and Center Street in Woodfin.

Central Avenue off Woodfin Street and Central Avenue in Woodfin. Dogwood Road off Charlotte Street and Dogwood Road, West Asheville. Dunn Street off Harnett Street in West Asheville and Dunn Street off Westwood Place in West Asheville. East Street in Biltmore and East Street in Gentry Park. Edgewood Road off Kimberly Avenue and Edgewood Road in Beverly Hills. Gertrude Place in Grove Park and Gertrude Place in Sulphur Springs Park.

Greenwood Avenue in West Asheville and Greenwood Avenue at Woodfin. Greenwood Road in Biltmore and Greenwood Road in Oakley. High Street off Atkinson, High Street in Biltmore and High Street in Woodfin. Hill Street off Montford Avenue and Hill Street at Woodfin. Ivy Street in West Asheville and Ivy Street at Woodfin. Lee Street off Hillside and Lee Street in Kenilworth. Lincoln Avenue off Pine Street and Lincoln Avenue in Biltmore.

Locust Street off College Park, Locust Street off Hendersonville Road and Locust Street in Woodfin. Lookout Road off Barnard Avenue and Lookout Road in Beverly Hills. Magnolia Avenue off Broadway and Magnolia Avenue, Biltmore. New Street off Carroll Avenue and New Street in West Asheville. North Street off Broadway and North Street in Gentry Park. Oak Street off College Street and Oak Street, Biltmore.

Ridge Street off Pine Street, Ridge Street, East Biltmore, Ridge Street in Gentry Park and Ridge Street at Woodfin. Riverview Drive in West Asheville and Riverview Drive, Biltmore. School Road, Biltmore, and School Road, West Ashevillte. Shady Oak Drive, Biltmore, and Shady Oak Drive off Jonestown Road. Sherwood Road off Forest Hill Drive and Sherwood Road, Beverly Hills. Sprindale Road and Springdale Road, Morningside Park. Stratford Road, Lake View Park, and Stratford Road, Laurel Terrace.

View Street, East Biltmore, and View Street, Woodfin. Walnut Street off Haywood Street and Walnut Street at Woodfin. West Street off Woodrow Avenue and West Street in Gentry Park. Westwood Road in Biltmore Forest and Westwood Road in Lake View Park. Williams Street off Atkinson Street and Williams Street in West Asheville. Woodland Road in Grove Park and Woodland Road at Oakley.

The task of correcting these duplications is not simple. One of the difficulties is the fact that many of the streets are outside the city limits. The adjustment is a task that requires considerable patience and a lot of cooperation from the folk who live on these streets.

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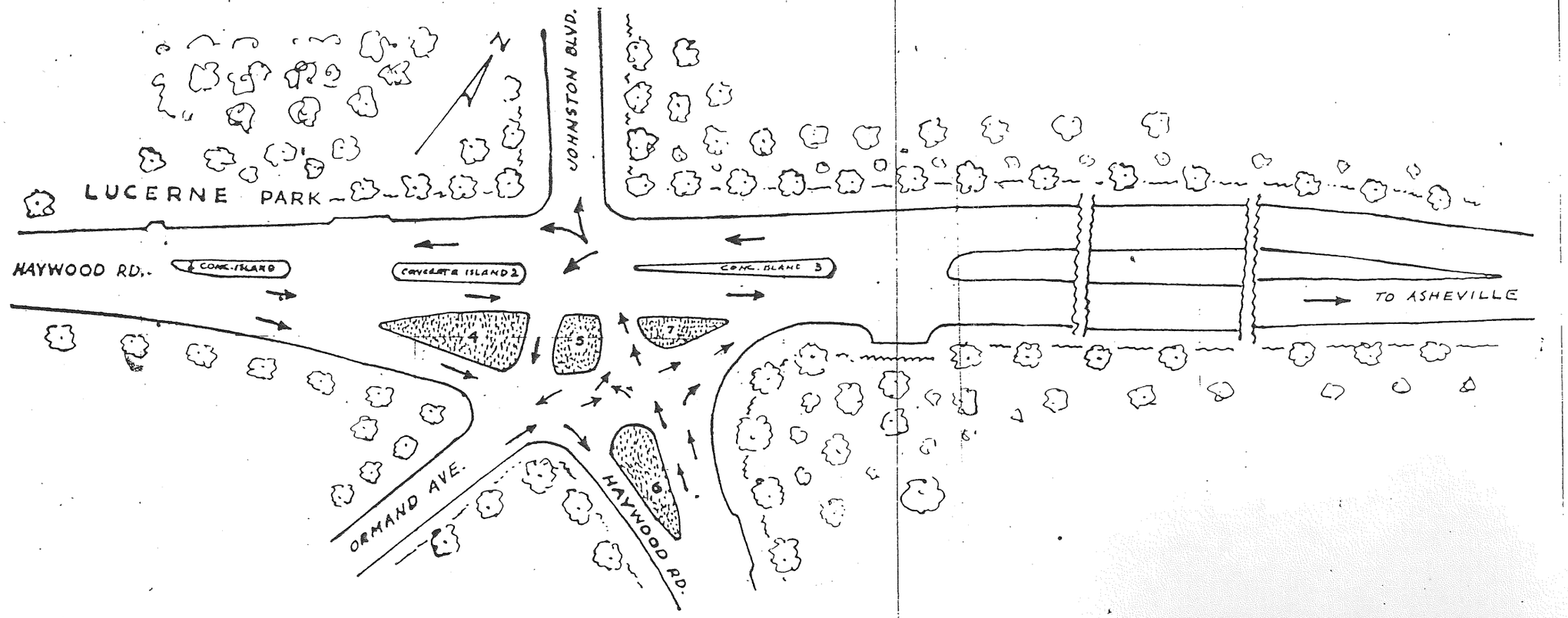

THIS COMPLICATED LOOKING maze is the traffic circle the State Highway Commission will build at Lucerne Park where the new West Asheville bridge approach meets old Haywood Road. While it may look a bit confusing on paper, the circle, plus proper signs, will be relatively simple for the motorist and will enable drivers from each of the five converging roads to get where they are going with minimum interference by other drivers. The concrete and grass "islands" will enable the motorist to pull out of traffic for a left turn; "hide" behind the island until oncoming traffic clears, and then go on. For example, the motorist coming from the east on Haywood Road and wishing to get to Ormand Avenue would turn left at the north edge of island No. 6, wait until oncoming traffic down Haywood clears, and then proceed into Ormand. Meanwhile, he would not have held up westbound traffic behind him. To get into Johnston Boulevard, he would pull up between islands Nos. 5 and 7, wait for a clearing, and cross the new approach. Through traffic to and from Asheville will simply go straight ahead past islands 1, 2 and 3. Northeast of island 3, the bridge approach will divide into a separated four-lane highway. (Citizen-Times map based on State Highway and Public Works Commission blueprint.)

Vance School For Handicapped Children Ends Successful First Year With 7 Students

By BILL SHIPLEY

The classroom looked very much like any other in an elementary school—it was large and sunny with crayon paintings pinned around the blackboard—but in this room there was one big difference: most of the students were seated in wheelchairs instead of desks.

The pupils were smiling and talking excitedly. They were going on a picnic during the afternoon, and tomorrow would be the last day of school.

These were the handicapped students in the special school the City and County boards of education established about three months ago in Vance Elementary School. There were only seven enrolled this year, but the school proved highly successful and a much larger enrollment is expected for the 1951-52 term.

The children live in scattered parts of the county: Leicester, Emma, Black Mountain, Asheville. Each day a special bus picks them up at their homes, brings them to schools and returns them home in the afternoon.

The school boards own two of these specially-designed buses. They are panel trucks with windows and are equipped with removable seats to make room for wheelchairs.

Mrs. Pink Woody of Emma, whose daughter, Dora, is a pupil in the school, drives one of the buses and the other one is driven by Miss Arlene Shook, student at Blanton's Business College. Their services are voluntary, since no money has been appropriated to hire regular drivers. Mrs. Woody spends most of the day in the school helping the teacher, Mrs. Joseph Bonds, care for the children.

Mrs. Bonds, a native of eastern North Carolina, came to Asheville when her husband, a staff sergeant in the Army, was transferred here and assigned to the Asheville Army Reserve organization.

She had formerly taught the fifth, sixth and seventh grades, but had no special training in handling physically handicapped children.

Of the seven students in the school, five are victims of cerebral palsy, one has muscular dystrophy and the other is a polio victim. Four are confined to wheelchairs, two get about on crutches and one is able to walk with support.

The school operates somewhat like the old one-room schoolhouse. Students are scattered from the first through the fifth grade. This at first was a trifle confusing to Mrs. Bonds, who was required to switch abruptly from fifth grade fractions to second grade spelling. And it's still not easy to find a story to read to the class which will appeal to all the pupils.

This unique idea in educating handicapped children who in many instances would not otherwise be able to attend school, originated with Superintendent J. W. Byers of the City school system, and Superintendent T. C. Roberson of the County schools.

They had long realized that many physically handicapped children throughout the County were being deprived of an education through lack of adequate transportation to schools or because teachers were not able to give the individual attention necessary for a handicapped pupil.

Then too, many of the children were not able to navigate stairs, and even if they could, there was always the chance that perhaps they might slip or be accidentally pushed by schoolmates hurrying up or down the steps.

The superintendents got together with some 25 Buncombe school officials and representatives of agencies interested in the problems of educating the handicapped. The State Board of Education sent F. S. Barker of Raleigh, director of its division of special education, to Asheville to confer with the group on the possibility of establishing the school.

The State Board insisted that the handicapped youngsters attend school in one place. The superintendents decided upon Vance School, since all facilities were located on the ground floor, thus eliminating stairs and making it easier for students confined to wheelchairs.

For a while, it seemed that transportation would be a stumbling block, since the size of the county and the widespread distribution of the children would make it difficult to get them to a central point.

But a conference with the county commissioners solved this problem. The commissioners agreed to pay for two panel trucks which would be equipped with windows and removable seats. And they further agreed to furnish gasoline and insurance for the remainder of the past school term.

The superintendents contacted doctors and agencies in the county and learned that there were about 35 or 40 pupils who would enroll in the school.

Letters were sent to the parents of the handicapped youngsters and arrangements were made to transport them to the school. The response was good, but it was found necessary to establish some rules for determining eligibility to attend the school.

School heads were forced to limit enrollment to the following children: those confined to wheelchairs, those wearing braces that do not permit them to climb stairs, and those recovering from attacks of polio or other diseases who are not yet strong enough to move with a group of normal children.

A special ramp was constructed for the moving of wheelchairs in and out of the buses and the Busyettes, an auxiliary of the American Business Club, contributed a wheelchair for the school.

Any parent in the county who has a child with any of the previously-mentioned handicaps has been asked to contact Byers of Robinson as soon as possible if he wishes to enroll his child in the school for the coming year.

This is necessary, it was explained, in order that transportation schedules can be arranged.

Saturday,
September 9, 1950

THE WINNER!

MRS. WIX HITS THE JACKPOT ON BELK'S TELLO-TEST SHOW

HARRY VARNER W. S. BURNS (OF BELK'S) MRS. F. M. WIX

Mrs. F. M. Wix of 12 Fairfax Ave., in West Asheville, is shown above receiving the many prizes from Harry Varner of WWNC, and W. S. Burns of Belk's. Mrs. Wix won the prize by answering a simple question on Belk's Tello-Test program.

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OCT. 23 SET FOR OPENING OF NEW BRIDGE

Plans Made To Beautify Approaches To West Asheville Span.

Dedication of the new French Broad River bridge here has been set tentatively for noon October 23 and plans are underway to beautify the approaches.

A committee for naming and dedicating the $900,000 structure met yesterday with Chairman Dale Thrash, 10th division highway commissioner, to map plans.

Officials indicated they will try to discourage the use of billboards and signs on the approaches and use development of the area as a springboard for a county-wide beautification campaign which "could double our tourist industry in five years."

Thrash said that while the bridge is a "big thing" for local residents it will be "just another little bridge" to out-of-state visitors. Beautiful approaches, however, would make a lasting impression, he added.

Still Unnamed

No action was taken on naming the span but majority sentiment appeared to be veering in favor of a regional name such as "Great Smoky Mountains National Park Bridge" or "Western North Carolina Memorial Bridge."

Plans were discussed for marking the entire route of U. S. 19 through the City with its new scenic title, "Smoky Park Highway." The name has been adopted by the State Highway Commission. Streets affected would include Patton Avenue, College Street, Broadway and Merrimon Avenue. (Is is anticipated that the name Patton Avenue will be extended across the bridge and its approaches and applied in West Asheville as far as Lucerne Park.)

Plan Beautification

Thrash referred to a letter in The Times last week in which some City streets were described as "filthy" and a "positive disgrace." He said that while he thought the editor's reply was a good one, the writer had a point.

Beautification of the bridge approaches will be handled by the Asheville Garden Clubs Council in cooperation with highway department specialists.

Frank Brant of Raleigh, department landscape specialist, will meet later with Mrs. W. Dillon Chambers, council president, and council members. They hope to stimulate competition in public area beautification as well as private property improvement.

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LOUDER!—These cheer leaders from Hall Fletcher Junior High School will be on hand to lead yells tonight at Memorial Stadium when Millard-Fletcher Mighty Mites open their 1950 grid season against Morristown, Tenn., Junior High. They are, left to right: Front row, Kay Atkins, Betty Ann Compton, Julia Ann Fox and Carolyn Holcombe; back row, Kay Mulvaney, Barbara Jones, Mavel Shirlin and Peggy Laughter.

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Program

CHAIRMAN—MR. DALE THRASH
Tenth Division Highway Commissioner

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Lee Edwards and Canton High School Bands

INVOCATION
Rev. Wayne Williams, Chaplain, Oteen

WELCOME
Clarence E. Morgan, Mayor of Asheville

RECOGNITION OF DISINGUISHED GUESTS

REMARKS
By Asheville Citizens and Visiting Guests

DEDICATION
By Hon. Kerr Scott, Governor of North Carolina

AMERICA
Lee Edwards and Canton High School Bands

ASHEVILLE

Asheville Merchants Association

Asheville Citizen October 1950

Bridge Name Confirmed By Announcement

The new bridge across the French Broad River has been named Smoky Park Highway Bridge by the State Highway and Public Works Commissioner.

L. Dale Thrash, 10th division commissioner, announced the name yesterday ending the "off the record" status of action taken several days ago by the commission that named the bridge during a Raleigh meeting. The name was unofficially disclosed and reported in The Citizen several days ago.

The name was chosen by the commission to conform to the name of U. S. Highway 19 which passes over the new million-dollar structure linking Asheville with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

At earlier meetings in Asheville to consider names for the bridge, such a name was suggested as a means to more closely tie together Asheville and western cities and counties.

The bridge will be dedicated in ceremonies at 11:30 a. m. October 23.

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V-f-16 Carrier Bridge

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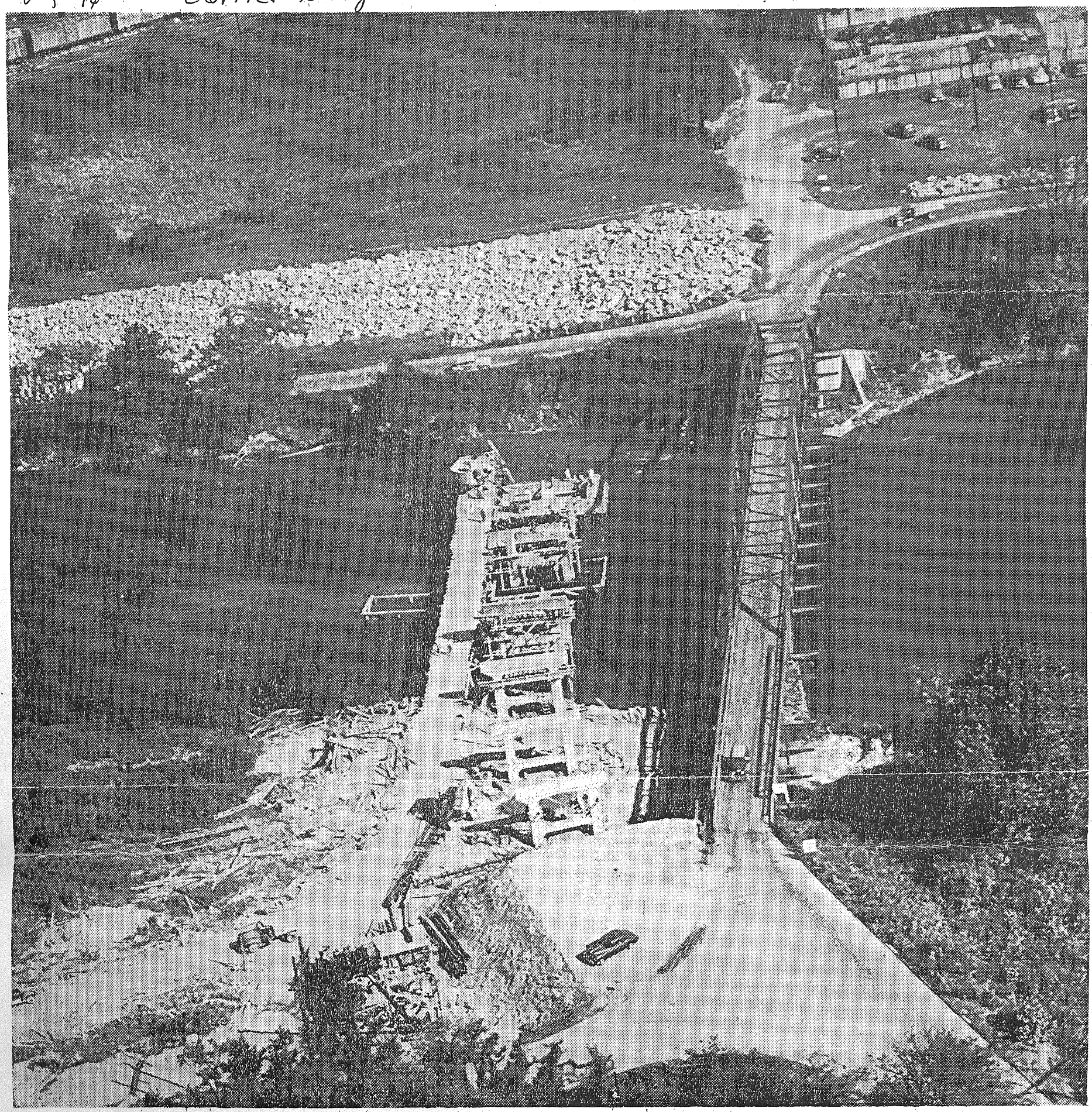
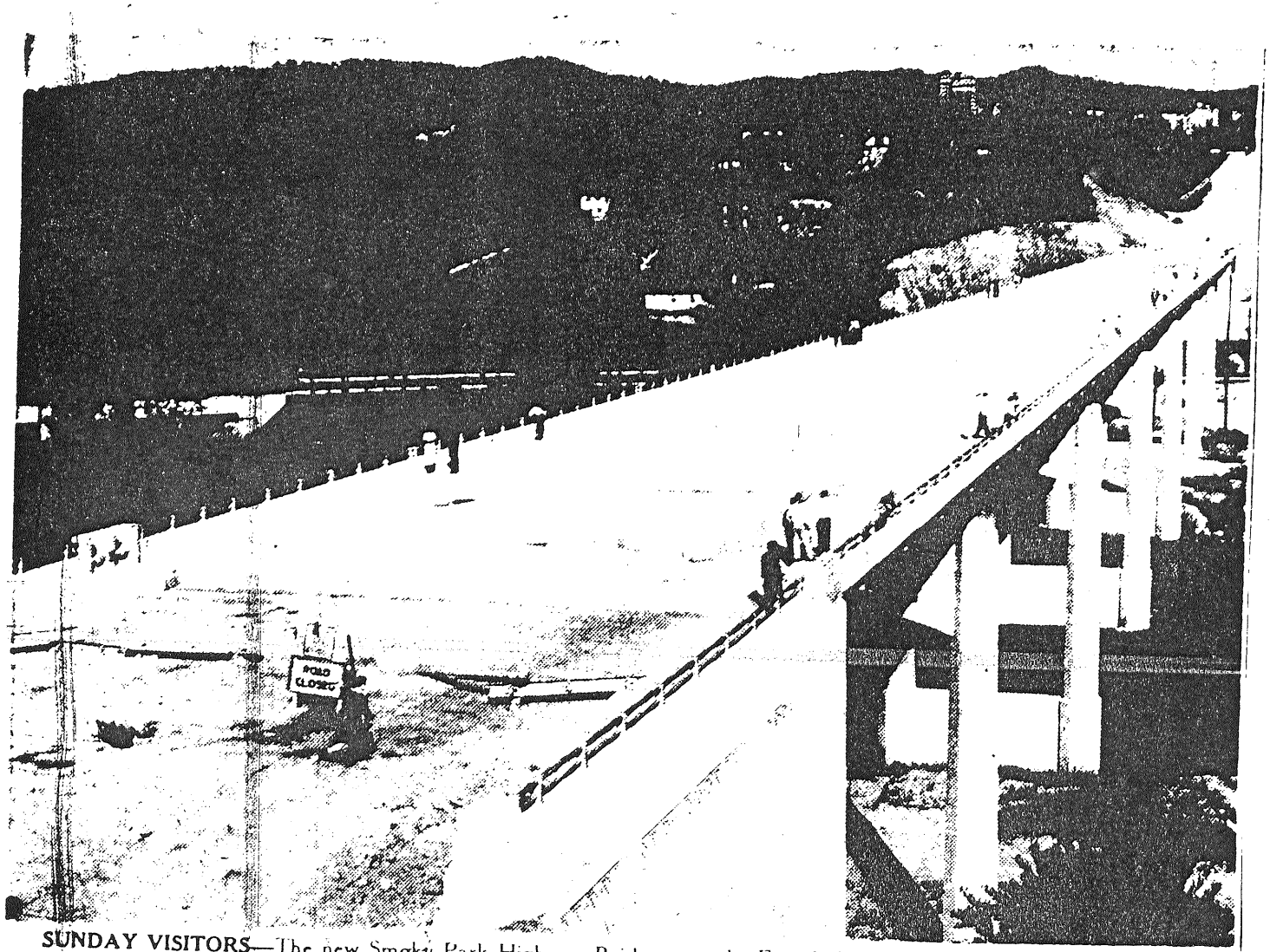


BRIDGE FORMS GO IN—Piers of the new $115,000 Carrier Bridge are almost across the French Broad River at Meadow Road. The new 421-foo span will replace the old bridge shown at the right in the photograph, which was built in 1889. It will be torn down and the metal sold for junk. The new bridge will be 24 feet wide and will have sidewalks on each side. The State Highway Commission took over the old bridge in July, 1945. City water mains carried on the old bridge have been replaced. Officials of Bowen Construction Company of Raleigh, contractors for the new structure, said today they feared shortages of cement and steel may delay the completion date. (Times aerial photo by Malcolm Gamble from A & H Flying Service plane piloted by Ralph Greenwood.)

Monday, October 16, 1950



SUNDAY VISITORS—The new Smoky Park Highway Bridge over the French Broad River was viewed by hundreds of persons yesterday. The span, which will take the major traffic load off the present West Asheville Bridge will be formally dedicated at ceremonies next Monday morning.

Monday, October 23, 1950

Smoky Park Bridge Opened To Traffic

A 15-year effort for a super span across the French Broad River to expedite travel between West Asheville and the City became a reality this afternoon when the new $812,000 Smoky Park Highway Bridge was opened for public use after a dedicatory ceremony at noon.

Traffic began moving across the 1,228-foot long structure, 95 feet above the waters of the French Broad, shortly after 12:30 p. m.—when a symbolic ribbon was cut to culminate work started midway in 1949.

Thousands of automobiles were lined up in long rows as their passengers waited to be among the first to cross the million dollar span, which dwarfs the old West Asheville bridge and the French Broad River. The bridge is a dominant structure.

First Across

Gov. W. Kerr Scott who opened the bridge and was the first to ride across it, saw the structure as another great forward step in Western North Carolina and North Carolina progress.

The Governor hit at stream pollution as he looked at the waters below and said such pollution is hindering the progress of Western North Carolina.

The sun appeared from out of a leaden sky filled with darker patches of clouds just as the structure was about to be dedicated. Light rains stopped during the morning, enabling some 2,500 spectators to watch unhindered.

The Lee H. Edwards and Canton High School bands marched from City-County Plaza shortly before the ceremony, which was opened with playing of the National Anthem.

Thrash Chairman

Dale Thrash, 10th Division Highway Commissioner, served as chairman, the Rev. Wayne of Oteen pronounced the invocation and Mayor Clarence E. Morgan welcomed officials and others present.

Among others making brief remarks were Dr. Henry Jordan, chairman of State Highway Commission; Gene Oschsenreiter, Asheville Chamber of Commerce president; Percy Ferebee of Andrews, chairman of Western North Carolina Associated Communities, and Mayor J. Ray Shute of Monroe, president of North Carolina League of Municipalities.

Mrs. W. Dillon Chambers, president of the Council of Asheville Garden Clubs, cut the ribbon to open the four-lane bridge to the public. The ceremony was broadcast over Radio Station WWNC.

Mayor Morgan in his talk emphasized the importance of the bridge and its approaches in linking with Asheville Great Smoky Mountains National Park, industry of the section and the Cherokee drama, "Unto These Hills."

The late Gov. J. Melville Broughton was praised for his early efforts toward making the bridge a reality.

Motorists are now able to drive along at an accelerated speed straight from Pack Square to Lucerne Park in West Asheville. There are clover leaf intersections at Hanover and Street and Lucerne Park.

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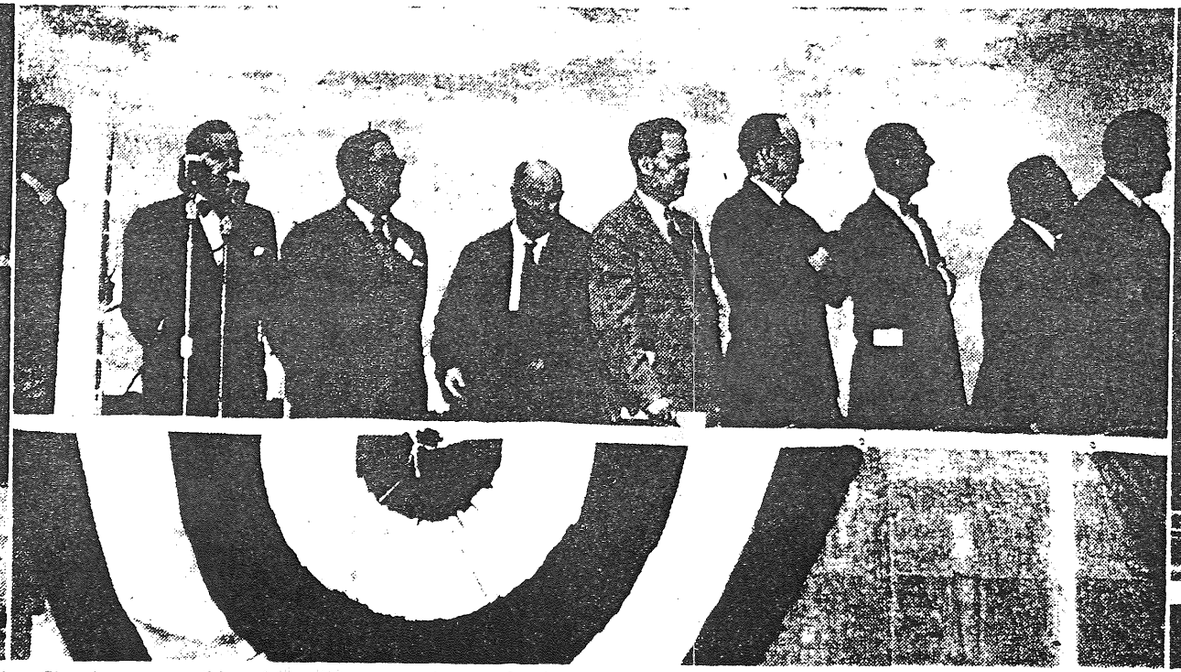

OPENING OF NEW BRIDGE—At left Mrs. W. Dillon Chambers cuts a ribbon formally opening the new Smoky Park Highway Bridge to traffic. She is president of the Asheville Council of Garden Clubs. Center is a view of the speakers' showing, left to right: L. Dale Thrash 10th Division highway commissioner; Dr. Henry Jordan, SHPWC chairman; Mayor J. Ray Shute of Monroe, E. B. Jefferies, former SHPWC chairman; Mayor Clarence E. Morgan, the Rev. Wayne iams, Percy Ferebee of Andrews, Gene Ochsenreiter, Chamber of Commerce president, and Governor Scott. At right is Mrs. W. D. Krisher of 136 Governor's View Road, and her daughter Karen, first to cross the new bridge after officials had formally opened it. (Another picture on page one.)

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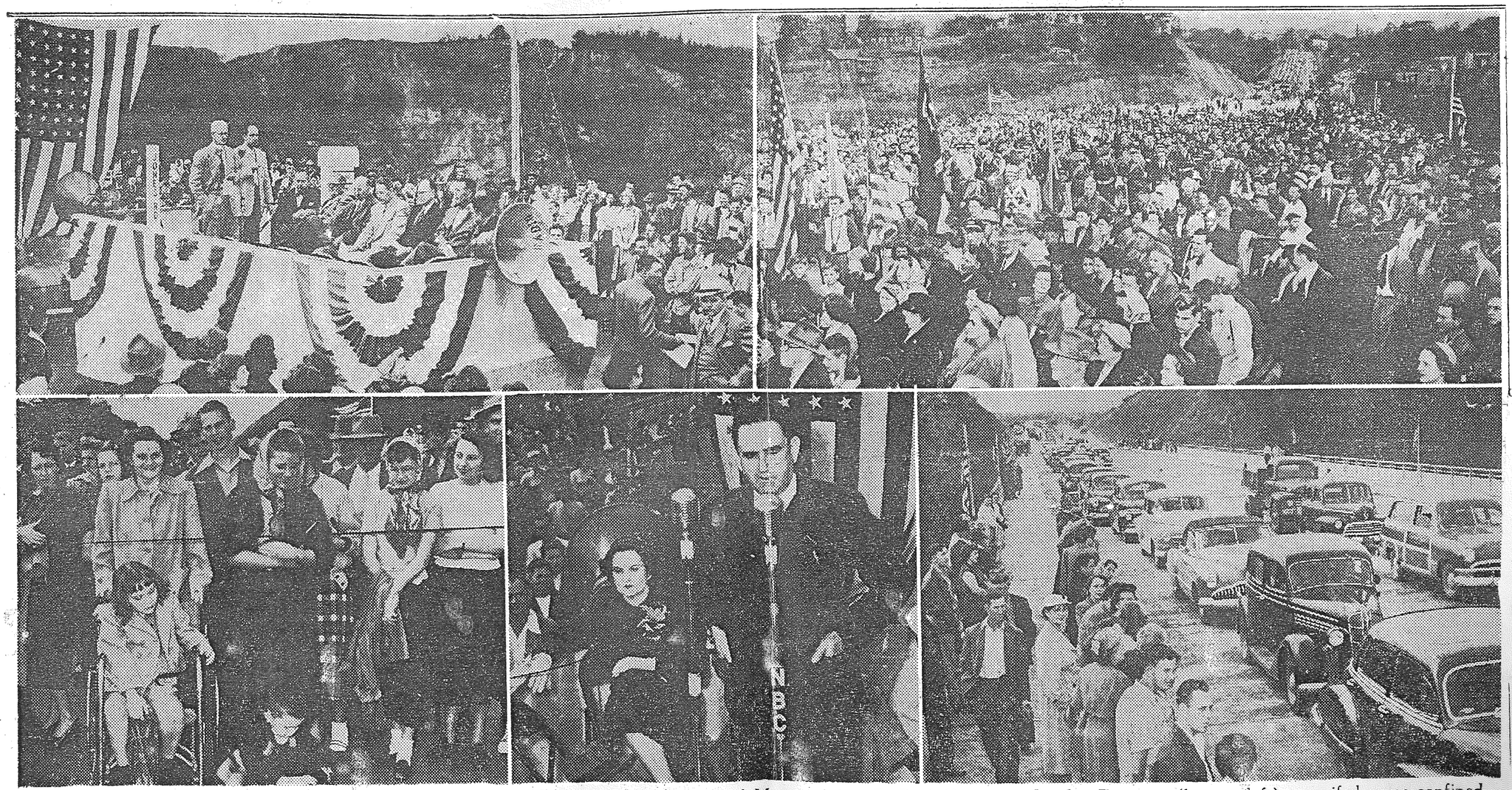
THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN



THE NEW SMOKY PARK HIGHWAY BRIDGE was opened—for a few hours—yesterday in ceremonies attended by State and City officials and several thousand onlookers. The top left picture shows L. Dale Thrash, 10th Division highway commissioner, speaking to the crowd assembled at mid-bridge. Seated on the platform are: L to R, Dr. Henry Jordan of Raleigh, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission; Mayor J. Ray Shute of Monroe, retiring president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities; E. B. Jeffress of Greensboro, former SH&PWC chairman; Mayor Clarence Morgan of Asheville, the Rev. Wayne Williams of Oteen; Percy Ferebee of Andrews, chairman of Western North Carolina Associated Communities; Gene Ochsenreiter (head partially visible), president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce; and Governor W. Kerr Scott. Part of the dedication crowd and hundreds of automobiles waiting to cross the bridge are shown at top right. The dedication of the bridge couldn't keep away little Carolyn Freeman (bottom left) even if she was confined to the wheelchair pushed by her mother, Mrs. Clyde D. Freeman of 516 Westwood Place. Also on hand was a small dog being petted by young Clyde Freeman Jr. Governor Scott (bottom center) delivers his remarks as Mrs. W. Dillon Chambers, president of the Asheville Garden Club Council waits to cut the ribbon opening the bridge. Several hundred cars (bottom right) managed to cross the new bridge before it was closed a few hours after the dedication for further work. (Citizen Photos)

Southern Bell Installs 25,000th Phone Here

Ash. Citizen 10-25-50

Asheville's 25,000th telephone was installed yesterday by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bryan, 43 Morris Avenue, West Asheville.

The installation marked a gain of nearly 5,000 telephones in the past three years, J. Lovell Smith, Southern Bell district manager, said.

Smith said there were 20,331 telephones in Asheville in September of 1947. He pointed out that Asheville had 110 telephones in 1900 and had jumped to 10,029 telephones in 1917. At the start of World War II the Asheville exchange listed 12,676 telephones and 14,988 at the close of the war.

Asheville has had a telephone exchange since 1898 at which time the Proctor Telephone Company was incorporated under the ownership of O. G. Munson, Mrs. Charity Rust Craig, H. P. Proctor and Mrs. W. S. Proctor

Southern Bell established an exchange about 1899 under the name of Asheville Telephone Company It was located on West Pack Square over Law's China Store. John Weaver was manager.

In 1903, Southern Bell purchased the Proctor firm and changed the name of the merged units to the Asheville Telephone and Telegraph Company. The exchange was located at 11 Patton Avenue on the third floor over Redwood's general merchandise store and Noland's undertaking establishment. The exchange had approximately 117 working stations.

The exchange building at Walnut Street and Lexington Avenue was completed November 11, 1906, and the system was changed from crank type telephones to common battery.

At that time there were six long distance circuits coming into Asheville. Today there are more than 300 long distance circuits terminating in Asheville and more than 5,500 long distances call originating here each day.

Early in 1948, the telephone company moved into its present building at 24 O. Henry Avenue and changed from manual operators to the dial system. At that time there were 21,403 telephones in Asheville.

ASHEVILLE'S 25,000TH TELEPHONE installed yesterday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bryan, 43 Morris Avenue, is the center of attention for Southern Bell officials and the Bryans. At left, L to R, are J. Lovell Smith, district manager, Bryan, little Eric Lynn Bryan, and J. Harry Mann, local manager, standing with Mrs. Bryan. C. W. Arthur, installer-repairman, kneels to make last-minute installation touches as, L to R, J. W. Holloway, installation foreman, and H. H. Mears, plant manager, look on. (Citizen Photo)

Asheville Citizen October 25, 1950

Post Office To Extend City Service In 2 Areas

10-31-50

The Post Office has been authorized to extend its city delivery service into two rural route areas, Postmaster Mark Sumner Sr. announced yesterday.

Effective tomorrow, he said, a portion of Beaver View Road and Hazel Mill Road in West Asheville will be put on city service. These areas, he said, are being taken off the rural route three which now covers these two roads.

Effective November 16, Sumner added, a new mounted route (automobile) will be established to extend city delivery service out Hendersonville Road as far as Nettlewood Nursery and into part of the South Biltmore area.

The area for this city mounted route will be taken off rural route 2, he said.

"Taking this territory of rural route 2," Sumner said, "will relieve the heavy mail route of the rural carrier who now has 736 mail boxes."

"The areas to be included in the city servise," he said, "will get more efficient and prompt delivery including special delivery letters."

Sumner said that he hoped soon to extend city service to portions of rural routes 1 and 3.

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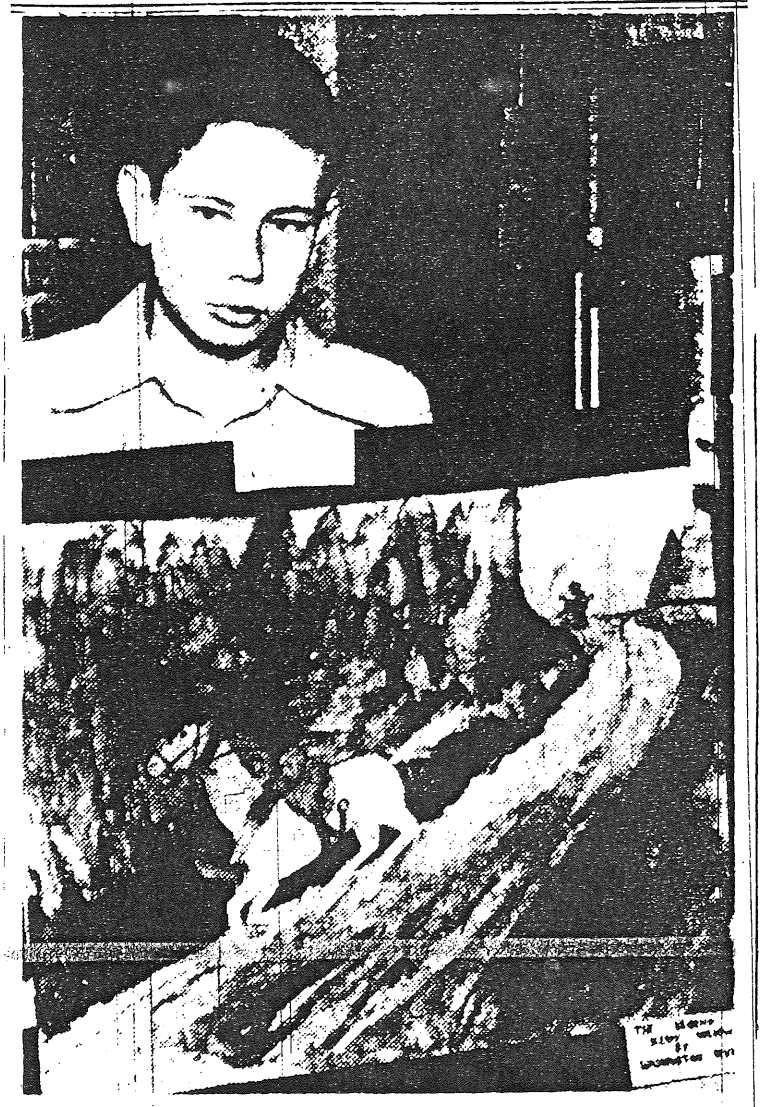

CONTEST WINNER—Kenneth Hampton won the Hall Fletcher Junior High School Book Week poster contest with a painting illustrating Washington Irwin's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

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The Asheville New

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W. A. TRADE ASSOCIATION FORMED

LAWRENCE IS NAMED TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF BUSINESS GROUP

The West Asheville Businessmen's Association was formed at meeting Thursday, Nov. 9, at the office of E. B. Roberts, 781 Haywood Road. The purpose of this organization is to stimulate trade and to further a community spirit in the area west of the French Broad River and embraced in the city limits. There were 18 men attending.

John L. Lawrence and Albert Fortune were named temporary chairman and secretary respectively. Permanent officers will be elected at a future meeting.

It was the concensus of those present that the West Asheville Businessmen's Association should be made distinctive from that of Asheville proper, and that the merchant members should seek to promote new business within their own trading area and not detract from that of downtown Asheville.

Various projects were favored by those present, among which was a cafeteria or other eating place on the order of the S & W Cafeteria is needed in West Asheville. There is no place in that area outside of the churches to accommodate groups of citizens at luncheons or dinner gatherings. It was also brought out in the discussion that a store to sell men's and women's ready to wear clothing comparable with similar large firms over town would be a real asset to West Asheville.

A motion submitted by John May and carrying unanimously gave the chairman power to name a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws as the situation warrants. An invitation is extended to all West Asheville business and professional men having offices in that area to attend the the next meeting of the new organization to be held Tuesday evening, November 21 at 7:30 o'clock at the office of E. B. Roberts 701 Haywood Road.

Among those attending the initial meeting of the West Asheville Businessmen's Association were William Gross, Junior Ball, Bert Staines, John May, Troy D. White, E. B. Roberts, W. F. Caldcleugh, Fred Severance, Dan Judd, Paul Nichols, A. C. Weddle, Clyde D. Scruggs, John L. Lawrence, Rex Smathers, Edison Joyner, Floyd Miller, L. Albert Fortune and Clyde Hewlett.

It has been recognized for some time that an organization to stimulate trade was needed in West Asheville. The Opening of the new Smoky Park Highway bridge has emphasized that fact. This latest improvement will tend to increase the population of West Asheville. Some really developments and housing projects are already benefiting from the demand for property located within a few minutes of downtown Asheville, and more such projects will follow in due course. It is estimated that fully one third of Asheville's 58,000 inhabitants reside in West Asheville proper, and that particular zone is considered the most rapidly expanding section of Asheville. Demands for business and residential properties in West Asheville is reported brisk.

CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION of a 262-unit housing development, off South Hanover Street in West Asheville, were signed yesterday at Asheville Housing Authority offices. Present were: seated, L to R, Henry A. Johnson, AHA executive director; A. T. Rust, AHA chairman; J. P. Caldwell, vice president of the J. A. Jones Construction Company which was awarded the general construction contract on a $1,712,700 bid; and Henry Irven Gaines of the Six Associates, Inc., architect. Standing, Robert F. Murray, accountant with the Federal Housing Authority; Robert W. Wells, Asheville corporation counsel and attorney for the AHA; and James C. Overcash, assistant secretary of the Jones Company. (Citizen-Times Photo)

Asheville Citizen January 7, 1951

Pest Houses To Be Razed

The City's old pest houses—symbols of a day when vaccination and immunization were uncommon are going to be torn down.

The City tomorrow will ask for bids on contracts to raze the four buildings on Riverside Drive. Bids will be opened at 10 a. m. Monday, January 22.

The pest houses were built somewhere around 1904 and were used primarily for the isolation of smallpox cases. Now not only are the structures beginning to fall apart but there is little danger of smallpox and the City wants to use the area for its sanitary fill.

The City Health Department said there have been 19 cases of smallpox in 19 years and none since 1940. The 1940 case was that of a Negro worker on a transient construction crew.

The buildings were used last year to house a dozen families uprooted when the State cut through its right-of-way for the new West Asheville bridge.

Asheville Citizen January 12, 1951

Negro Hospital Board Accepts Mission Offer

Arrangements To Be Made For Patients

The first step in transferring care of Negro patients of Western North Carolina to the Memorial Mission Hospital was taken yesterday.

The board of the Asheville Colored Hospital voted unanimously to accept an offer made by Memorial Mission Hospital of Western North Carolina Inc.

Memorial Mission Hospital offered to take over care of the Negro patients as soon as arrangements can be made to do so. Arrangements will include liquidation of the Colored Hospital's assets and assignment of the proceeds of the sale of these assets to the Memorial Mission institution.

A resolution adopted by the Memorial Mission board of trustees at a Monday meeting was read at the Colored Hospital board meeting yesterday by Mrs. Charles Owen, vice president of Memorial Mission trustees.

The Memorial Mission Hospital board's resolution stated that the board declared its intention of taking over the care of Negro patients of Western North Carolina and would provide no fewer beds than now available (the plan is to increase the number as the hospital project is completed) if the board of the Asheville Colored Hospital would agree to liquidate its assets and assign the proceeds of sale of such assets to the Memorial Mission Hospital.

The offer further stated that upon receiving a favorable reply the administrator and the building committee would be authorized to make necessary preparations for receiving Negro patients.

Dr. Robert Hendrick read a resolution made March 12, 1948, by the Negro institution's board concerning turning the hospital over to Memorial Mission Hospital.

The Colored Hospital board's resolution stated:

"Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Asheville Colored Hospital go on record as approving the acceptance of the offer made by the Memorial Mission Hospital of Western North Carolina Inc., in all its particulars; and

"Further resolved, that such steps as may be required by law or by the charter of this corporation shall be taken as soon as feasible to liquidate the assets of this corporation other than personal property transferred in kind, and to effectuate the transfer of the net proceeds thereof over and above the debts of this corporation together with such equipment or other personal property as it may request to Memorial Mission Hospital of Western North Carolina Inc."

George Morse, Dr. Robert Hendrick and Stanford Webb of the Colored Hospital board were appointed a committee to arrange sale of the present building on Biltmore Avenue.

Among reports made on routine hospital affairs at the meeting was one by Mrs. Lois McCracken concerning Christmas activities. The Auxiliary, the Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild, Mrs. Annie McDowell, president, and other groups and individuals gave money, flowers, gifts and favors.

Asheville Citizen January 11, 1951

C.L. Rackley Dies In Traffic Mishap

CHAS. L. RACKLEY

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A coating of ice on the Smoky Park Highway bridge yesterday caused the death of Charles L. Rackley, 51, of 237 Bear Creek Road, in an automobile crash which directly or indirectly involved four other vehicles and nearly involved a fifth.

Rackley was Asheville manager of Southern Dairies and was active in civic and social affairs of the city.

The funeral has been tentatively set in Asheville tomorrow afternoon but arrangements had not been completed last night.

According to Police reports, the truck Rackley was driving started skidding on the bridge and swerved into a City garbage truck driven by Oscar Haymore, 45, of 354 Patton Avenue. Neither Haymore nor his passenger, Ned Thomas of 111 Asheland Avenue, was injured.

Police Chief Harold C. Enloe and Assistant Chief A. R. (Pitt) Sluder were involved in another accident a few minutes later as they drove onto the bridge after hearing a radio call concerning the first crash.

The police cruiser, driven by Enloe, skidded across the eastern end of the bridge, crashed into a Renault driven by W. J. Trull of 139

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Brucemont Circle. The impact drove the small Renault, which was demolished, into a parked car belonging to Paul Brown of Canton RFD 1.

A State Highway patrol car, driving in from the west end of the bridge, also went into a skid but escaped damage.

No one was injured in the other collisions. The Police cruiser and Brown's vehicle received minor damages. The front of the City truck was damaged.

A technical charge of reckless driving was lodged against Haymore pending a coroner's inquest. Haymore said the Rackley truck "started whirling" on the ice as it approached him and that he pulled all the way to the right trying to avoid the vehicle.

Dr. P. R. Terry, Buncombe coroner, said Rackley's chest was crushed and that he died from internal hemorrhage. An inquest will be held, Terry said, but no date has been set as yet.

City Patrolmen J. D. Baker and D. E. Maney, who investigated, said the Rackley vehicle was traveling east and the City truck west. The former traveled an estimated 90 feet after the impact, the officers said.

Sluder said a cold air mass apparently suddenly chilled the bridge freezing the water from melted snow and rain into a "solid sheet of ice." There was no ice on approaches to the bridge and that on the bridge had melted within a short time after the accidents.

The fatal accident was the first on the new $1,000,000 bridge which was opened for traffic last November.

Rackley, a native of Transylvania County, had resided here 30 years and had been associated with Southern Dairies almost 30 years. He became manager of the plant here eight years ago.

He was a graduate of Christ School and N. C. State College.

His hobbies included fishing, hunting and gardening. He took a special interest in holding barbecue parties for friends and was said to have conducted more of these and fed more persons than any other individual. Cooking barbecue and hamburgers was his specialty. He started holding the barbecue parties about 20 years ago with "three bricks and a frying pan," friends recalled. Rackley also cured hams as a hobby.

He was a member of the Elks, Rotary, Asheville Country, Biltmore Forest Saddle and Bridle, Hominy Valley Horse and Hounds and Enka Lake clubs, and Mount Hermon Masonic Lodge.

Rackley was a former member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the executive committee of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council, a member of the Dairy Foundation of N. C. State College, a member of Delta Sigma Chi Fraternity, and was chairman of a citizen's committee working toward retention and improvement of the Municipal Golf Course by the City of Asheville.

He was to have gone tomorrow to Lexington to attend a meeting of Golden Guernsey cattlemen.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Ruth Simpson Rackley; a daughter, Miss Julia Rackley; a son, Robert Rackley; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rackley, all of Asheville and a number of uncles and aunts.

Funeral services have been tentatively set for tomorrow afternoon in the chapel at Berryman Funeral Home. Arrangements were incomplete last night.

Asheville Citizen January 13, 1951

CHARLES L. RACKLEY, 51, manager of Southern Dairies, was fatally injured yesterday when the truck he was driving (behind wrecker in top picture and at bottom right) skidded on ice covering the Smoky Park Highway bridge and swerved into the path of a City garbage truck (left background at top and lower left). The driver of the City truck and a passenger were uninjured. Shortly after the wreck, a Police cruiser, driven by Chief Harold C. Enloe, skidded into another oncoming car knocking it into a third parked car. No one was injured in the second collision.
(See Story on Page 1)

(Citizen Photos)

Asheville Citizen January 13, 1951

Family A-Raid Shelter Available For $2,200

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—The atom bomb shelter man says that for $2,200 he can build a good safe place in which a family can hide.

The A. B. S. man is J. M. Woods of Baltimore, who has been running ads in Baltimore and Washington newspapers. The headline reads:

"Safeguard your family from the atom bomb!"

Then follows a picture of a house with a bomb shelter attached, and the question:

"Have you considered a bomb shelter of your own for your family . . . in your home?"

Naturally I hustled right around to see how business was. Surprisingly, in view of the headlines these days, the answer is not so good.

"I expect it to bust loose any moment, and we'll really get going," said Woods, who has spent 26 years in the construction business, with three years out for service in the Coast Guard.

"Right now about all I'm getting is feelers, mostly from women. Or something like this, people hold back. They don't want to be the first.

"I have a man in Baltimore, for instance, who wants one of these shelters. But he said to me, 'I hate to be the first one in the neighborhood to show panic.'"

Woods says he spent considerable time studying what happened when the bomb was dropped in Japan before he drew up his plans. And he's going to England soon to study their ideas, particularly filters to keep out poison gas.

Here's Woods' formula for a safe shelter.

First, the entrance should be from the basement. He frowns on those who would build a shelter in the basement itself. Says there's too much chance of the house falling in, leaving no way out.

A fire door guards the basement entrance. The main shelter room is eight feet by 10 feet by six feet six inches high. Connecting with this on the other side is an escape lane, three feet wide by 10 feet long, also six feet six inches high.

Overhead is a slab of reinforced concrete, 18 inches thick. The walls are 12 inches thick. Covering the whole thing is three feet of earth.

At the end of the escape lane is an escape hatch. The top of this also has three feet of earth, with a trap to dump the dirt that can be sprung from above or below.

All this, Woods figures, will cost around $2,200 in Baltimore or Washington. Where labor and other costs are less, it possibly would be cheaper.

One final question: Had Woods started his own private bomb shelter yet?

"No," said Woods. "There's nothing I can do for me. I live in an apartment."

Asheville Citizen January 15, 1951

Dermid Warns Carrier Bridge Load Violators

Complaints have been received that trucks weighing considerably more than the one-ton limit set for the old Carrier Bridge have been using the bridge while the new one is under construction, Charles W. Dermid, Director of Public Safety, said yesterday.

He called attention to the fact that the law governing violation of posted orders about bridge capacity are strict, placing upon the owners of such vehicles civil responsibility for any damage occasioned by such violation.

"I am sure that the owners of big trucks do not want to incur such a risk and that they will instruct their drivers accordingly," Dermid said.

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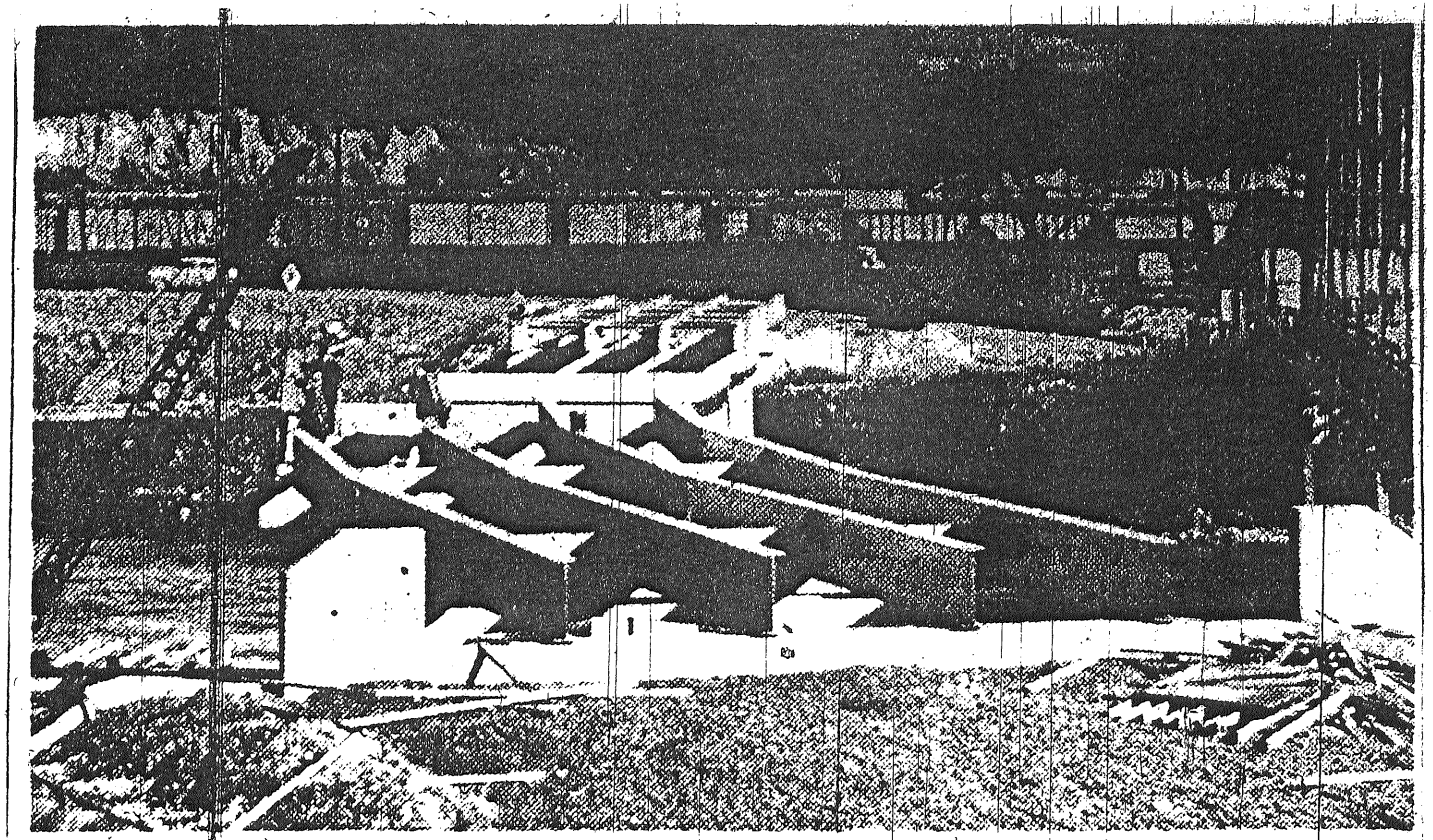

CONSTRUCTION CREWS have resumed work on the new bridge over the French Broad River near the Southern Railway roundhouse which will replace old Carrier Bridge at right. Work was delayed pending delivery of heavy steel beams which are shown being placed by workmen. (Citizen Photo)

Asheville Citizen January 17, 1951

Draft Board Sends 73 Men To Charlotte

The Buncombe County Draft Board sent 73 men to Charlotte for induction yesterday and received an induction call for 65 more men a short while later.

The 65, who will comprise the sixth draft group since the start of the Korean War, will be sent to Charlotte on February 6 for pre-induction examinations.

Members of the group which left yesterday to begin military training are:

Robert Tutt, George H. DeBruhl, Ernest L. Reed, John B. Easley, William G. Cole, Aubrey E. Crook, James L. Giles, Fred Medford, Fleming T. Sullivan, Donald A. Gregg, Clyde N. Wallen, Jack M. Lovelace, Edison P. Banks, James E. Brown Jr., Dewey A. King, William H. Rice, Frederick M. Burnette, Robert H. Huffman, Woodfin M. Landers.

Also, Richard G. James, Harold W. Henson, Gaston R. DeWeese, Albert G. Lane, Walter C. Penland, Fred J. Walters Jr., Reynolds M. Cody, Herbert H. Piercy, Roy M. Owenby, Otis Danner, Robert R. Wooten, Olden M. Ray, Francis D. Stephenson, Yancey E. Jones, Albert M. Moore, Bobby Brown, Kenneth L. Hollifield, Obbie C. McDowell, Daniel H. Warren, and Mack D. Hawkins.

Also, Kenneth L. Mackey, Richard Shackleford, Charles E. Johnson, Alfonzo L. Pruitt, Richard E. Sides, Porter B. Wilson, Leamer R. Barnwell, Earl B. Johnson, Lewis H. Hare, Loren Jones Jr., Delbert W. Houston, John O. Lee Jr., Warren A. Mack, William L. Morgan, Roy A. Presley, Willard V. Grant, Willie J. Sexton, Leonard A. Dillingham, and John V. Hyatt.

Also, William T. Anderson, James R. Knapp, Charles W. Allen, Robert C. Ruiz, Guy V. Bailey, Everett A. Edmonds, James W. Corn Jr., J. G. Earley, Harry L. Wilson, Julian E. Mott Jr., Louis McKinney, Nathaniel J. Jackson Jr., Basom E. Williams, and William Frank Jr. Charles W. Burns, transferred to the jurisdiction of the Buncombe Board from Charleston, was also in the group.

Before departure, the registrants were presented with New Testaments by the Asheville chapter of the Gideon Bible Society. Coffee and doughnuts were served by the Salvation Army.

Asheville Citizen January 18, 1951

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1951

CONFERRING WITH HARRY R. LOGAN, left, chairman of the county-wide religious census to be made here Sunday, are Dr. Embree H. Blackard, right, and the Rev Earl D. Weed, representing the Ministerial Association of Asheville and Buncombe County. Some 3,000 canvassers will take part in the census under the over-all direction of Logan. (Citizen Photo)

County-Wide Religious Census To Be Conducted Here Sunday

More than 3,000 census takers will cover Asheville and Buncombe County Sunday afternoon in the first county-wide religious census to be made here in several years.

A large number of churches of different denominations is taking part in the religious census. Groups participating include Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Lutheran and Christian churches.

Harry R. Logan is in general charge of the census.

Cooperating in the census is the Ministerial Association of Asheville and Buncombe County through a committee headed by Dr. C. Grier Davis. Committee members include the Rev. Earl D. Weed, Dr. W. Perry Crouch and Dr. H. Embree Blackard.

The county will be divided in six districts to be surveyed by the canvassers Sunday, starting shortly after noon. District leaders include: Asheville, Don Young, West Asheville, E. B. Roberts; Hominy, the Rev. Carl G. Mauney; Mount Carmel, Vonno Brown; Weaverville, Dewey Brown; Biltmore; Alex Young; Swannanoa, the Rev. A. J. Buckner.

Census takers will ask each individual contacted the following questions: Name, age, address, if church member, denominational preference, church preference, if Sunday School member.

The information received will be given to the different churches or denominational groups according to the church membership or denominational preference expressed.

Territories in the city and county have been divided as far as possible so that each participating church has a section to cover in the immediate community where the church is located, Chairman Logan said.

Several of the denominations participating in the census plan to follow the census with evangelistic programs designed to attract the unchurched.

More than 60 Baptist churches in the county plan to hold simultaneous revival services for two weeks beginning March 25.

Presbyterians are planning to conduct visitations and special meetings, February through Easter.

Methodists plan visitations and a week of special services in each church between February 18 and Easter.

Asheville Citizen January 18, 1951

Strange And Wonderful

Orthopedic Hospital Here Saved Lives Of Mother And Her Baby

By E. R. SHARPE

On August 27, 1950, it was nearing 1. a. m. in a tense, dimly-lighted hospital room.

Nurses and doctors sped noiselessly and efficiently about the ward talking in anxious whispers. The activity in the hushed room was not normal routine, even to the uninitiated observer.

Medical personnel moved cautiously into and away from a group gathered tensely about a grotesque machine which cast ominous shadows in the half-light created by moon rays filtering through the drawn blinds.

Tortuous minute weighed on tortuous minute as hands quartered and bisected the clock which hummed steadily on the wall. Weary doctors and nurses sweated from anxiety, and from the stifling mid-summer heat as the mysterious scene played itself out in the violent quiet of the sterile room.

Then suddenly a muffled cry cut through the heavy air and a sense of relief coursed through the room, dispelling the element of suspense that had settled over its occupants like a prodigious weight, and everyone relaxed, visibly.

As the early morning sun oozed through the blinds tracing weird patterns on the floor and walls, the cry: "It's a girl!" rang out joyously, and the happiness that pervaded the room was too dynamic not to be felt by the most fatigued of those present.

And so following a race with time, Karen Louise Bryson was born into this world a healthy, normal, seven-pound, four-ounce child, the offspring of a poliomyelitis victim who was rapidly becoming paralyzed.

Mrs. Katherine Bryson, and the doctors and nurses in Asheville Orthopedic Hospital had won the race: Karen Louise was born only a few hours before Mrs. Bryson was incapable of delivering a child; she was paralyzed from the neck down.

The circumstances surrounding delivery of Karen Louise Bryson are strange and wonderful.

On August 26, Mrs. Bryson, ready to bear her child, was suddenly stricken with polio. Her family rushed her to Asheville Orthopedic Hospital minutes after she was attacked.

Since no facilities are provided in the hospital for obstetrical cases, complete equipment and delivery-room personnel were rushed from Biltmore Hospital a few blocks away. A dome which would allow Mrs. Bryson to breathe while outside the respirator was flown in the Civil Air Patrol. Then the scene recorded above took place.

When Karen Louise was safely brought into the world she was placed in a portable incubator and taken to Memorial Mission Hospital where she remained until she was strong enough to go home.

Since that time Mrs. Bryson has been confined to a respirator, or iron lung, except for short periods. Her mother and Mrs. Bryson's mother have been caring for the child.

After a few weeks in the respirator, Mrs. Bryson was allowed outside for one minute at a time. She has progressed steadily with the excellent medical care provided in Asheville Orthopedic Hospital, and the length of time she may spend out of the respirator has increased until now she remains out an hour and 20 minutes with no ill effects. She plans to be back in her home, 78 Fairfax Avenue, West Asheville, with her family by spring.

MRS. KATHERINE BRYSON of 78 Fairfax Avenue, West Asheville, is one of the many adults who have been treated, and who are being treated, for poliomyelitis in Asheville Orthopedic Hospital. Mrs. Bryson was stricken in August, 1950, and plans to return home this spring. (Citizen-Times Photo)

Mrs. Bryson said last week she is well aware that if Asheville Orthopedic Hospital had not been so close by she would not be alive today, nor would her child. Doctors and nurses agree.

She has received every possible attention, medical and otherwise, to make her life less difficult, though confined to the metal cylinder that breathes life into her body.

She was allowed to go home for three days at Christmas.

On January 5, she celebrated her 25th birthday anniversay with a party in the hospital, with her other patients as her guests, several of whom were in respirators, also. She said she enjoyed it as much as any party she had ever given.

She said she felt she could never repay Asheville Orthopedic Hospital personnel, or the March of Dimes, for all that has been done to save her life and make it possible for her to resume a normal life again.

"Of course," she said, "I miss my children. If it were not for that I would want nothing here."

She has four children: Phil, 6; Langdon, 3; David, 2, and Karen Louise, now five months old.

Mrs. Bryson's case serves to believe the opinion accepted by many laymen that only children are stricken by polio. Though the majority of cases are among children, many grown-ups have it too. A number of adults are now receiving treatment in Asheville Orthopedic Hospital, and many have been treated there since 1944.

The March of Dimes campaign is now in progress in Buncombe County, and throughout the United States. Many another institution like Asheville Orthopedic Hospital depends on the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for support. Without the funds gained from the campaign, the National Foundation could not function.

Therefore, people of Buncombe County are asked to "give until it hurts" to make this year's campaign for $59,000,000 nationally, and $50,000 locally, a success, to assure your family, children and adults alike of competent and immediate treatment should polio strike.

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TWENTY-FOUR LITTLE GIRLS, ages ranging from 7 to 10 years, received Brownie pins at a service held yesterday at St. Joan of Arc School for members of Troop 29, and six girls received membership certificates. The little Brownies included Betty Sprung, Susie Sprung, Judy Fleming, shown with Mrs. C. L. Meadows as she receives her pin; Ann Warren, Carol Bumgardner, Julia Brookshire, Gail Cornell, Judy Meadows, Elizabeth Hampton, Pat Lail, Suzanne Conlon, Judy Conlon, Ruth Ann Cheek, Joan Groce, Carol Anderson, Yvonne Hatcher, Annie Summers, Barbara Doe, Patricia Calloway, Geraldine Deaton, Flossie Dietrick, Thelma Borck Brockmeier, Barbara Brockmeier, Angela Shotwell, Carol White, Lavalda Miller, Peggy Ball and Gail Bain. In addition to Mrs. Meadows, troop leaders are Mrs. J. R. Sprung and Mrs. R. W. Fleming. The girls, as they receive their Brownie pins, look into the mirror by Mrs. Meadows. (Citizen Photo)

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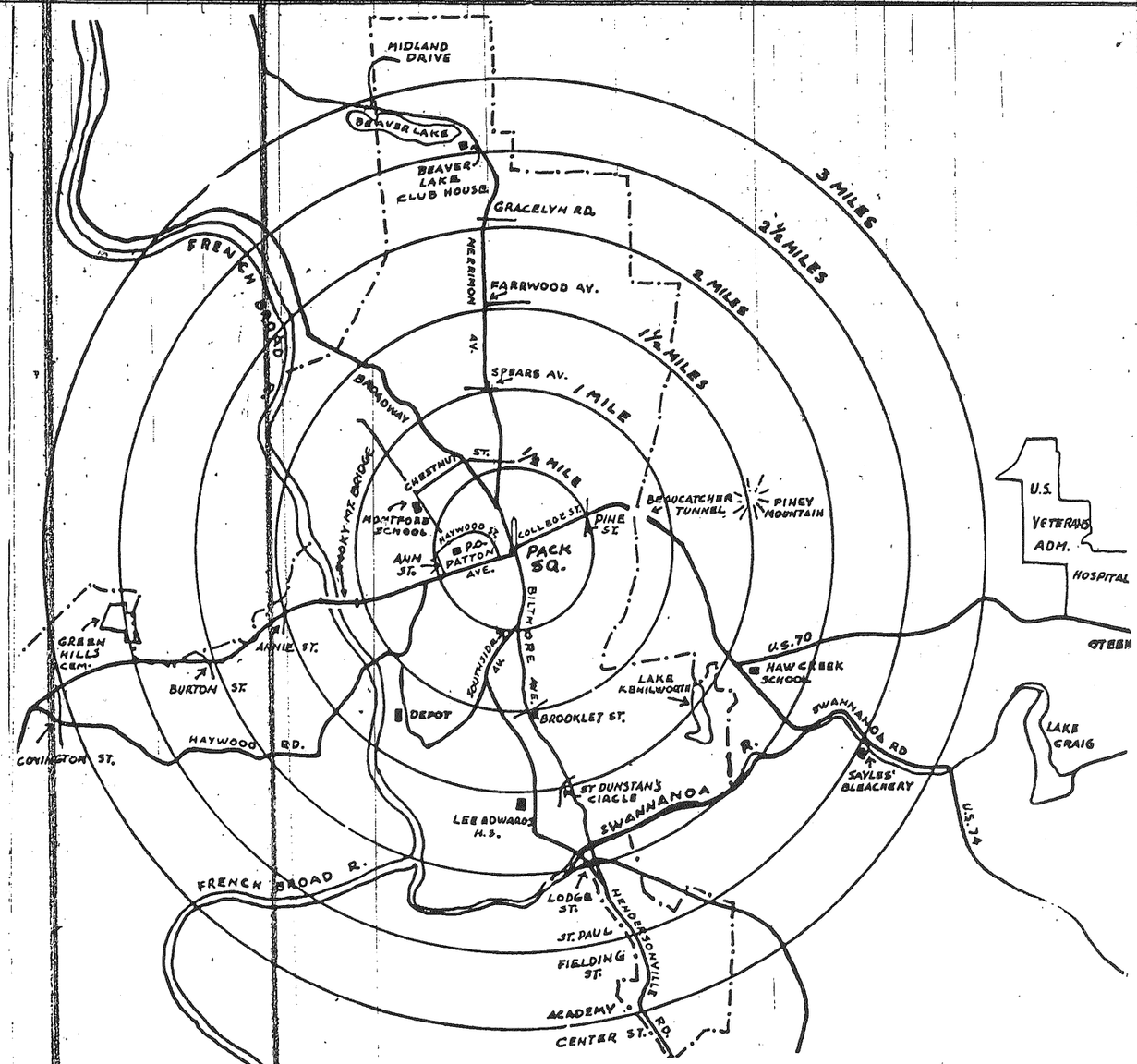


THIS MAP OF ASHEVILLE shows various zones which would be affected should an atomic bomb be dropped on the city at Pack Square. Streets constituting boundaries of the various zones are listed on the map. With Pack Square as the point of explosion—or "ground zero" in Civil Defense language—from 75 to 90 per cent of the persons within the first, or half-mile, area would be killed. The death rate would successively decline until the 2½-mile zone was reached where no fatalities would be expected. (Citizen Map)

What Would Happen If Asheville Became A Target For The A-Bomb

By FRED TOWNSLEY

In this day of A-bomb consciousness, local citizens are hoping that the A doesn't stand for Asheville.

Whether Asheville would ever become an atomic target is, naturally, a moot question. Although the city has virtually no war industries, it does lie in the paths which enemy planes might take in A-attacks on Oak Ridge, Tenn., and the soon-to-be constructed H-bomb plant in South Carolina.

Too, there is considerable speculation that Asheville—if war does come—may be converted into a refugee center. And such a swollen population might be a temptation to the enemy to lay one of her eggs in our lap. (Not to be overlooked, either, is the fact that the Russian disposition, being far from sweetness and light, could lead a passing bomber to take a swipe at the city from pure "orneryness".)

What, then, would be this city's fate should such an attack become an actuality?

As an approach to the answer, consider an atomic bomb in terms of a pebble tossed into a body of water. The resultant ripples which the pebble would create are comparable to casualty zones fantailing from the point of explosion. This point, in terms of Civil Defense is known as "ground zero". Pack Square for purposes of conjecture can serve as ground zero to give us a workable analysis for the octopus-like effects locally of such a lethal blast.

Based on government figures obtained from atomic raids on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, 75 to 90 per cent of the population within a half-mile radius of the explosion center would be killed, depending on whether the attack came with or without warning.

This would mean that death would strike down all but 10 to 25 per cent of the persons within the area north on Merrimon Avenue to Chestnut Street, east on Poplar to Pine Street, south on Biltmore Avenue to Southside Avenue and west on Patton Avenue to Ann Street.

As this area, known as casualty zone one, embraces the major portion of the city's business district, it is obvious that the number of persons who became victims of the bomb would be determined by the time of day. If the explosion came during business hours, when probably 10,000 persons would be concentrated in the area, the fatality rate would be vastly higher in numbers than if the missile were lossened at night.

In the second, or one-mile zone, deaths would range from 30 to 50 per cent, again determined by the time of day when the blast occurred. Still using Pack Square as ground zero, this zone would run north on Merrimon to Spears Avenue, east on Poplar to a point just beyond Beaucatcher Tunnel, south on Biltmore Avenue to Brooklet Street and west on Patton to the approach of the new Smoky Mountain Bridge.

Zone Three—one and a half-mile from ground zero—would stretch northward on Merrimon to Farrwood Avenue, east to Piney Mountain and Kenilworth Lake south on Biltmore to St. Dunstan's Circle and west on Patton to Annie Street. Deaths in this area would range from five to 15 per cent.

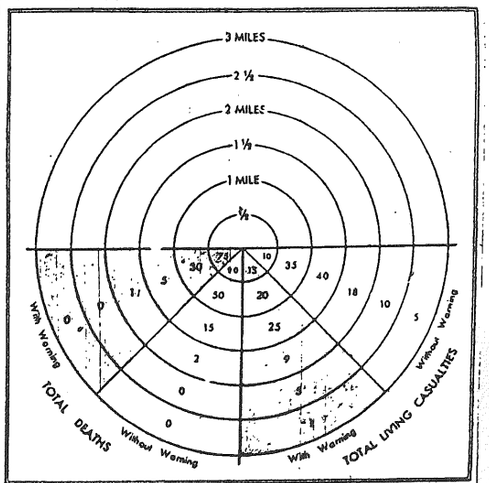
In zone four, or the two-mile zone, fatalities would slump to one or two per cent. Boundaries of this zone would touch Gracelyn Road on the north, a point half a mile beyond Haw Creek School on Highway 70 in an easterly direction, Lodge Street on the south and Burton Street on the west.

Zone five—which is two and a half miles from Pack Square—would be the first area to escape death, although a certain percentage of the population would be injured. Included in this zone would be the area north on Merrimon to Beaver Lake Clubhouse, east to Sayles' Bleachery on Swannanoa Road south on Hendersonville Road to a point between St. Paul and Fielding Streets and west to Green Hill Cemetery.

The last zone, three miles distant from the point of explosion, likewise would suffer no deaths but would have some living casualties. This zone would be bounded on the north by Midland Drive, on the east by the western edge of Oteen on the south to a point between Hendersonville Road, and Covington Street on Haywood Road on the west.

Living casualties in the six zones, determined by whether such a raid came with or without warning, would be as follows: Zone one, 10 to 15 per cent; zone two, 20 to 35 per cent; zone three 25 to 40 per cent; zone four, nine to 18 per cent; zone five, five to 10 per cent, and zone six, one to five per cent.

One factor in this city's favor in case of attack is its topography. Hills and mountains would tend to shield certain areas from damage by blast as they did at Nagasaki; however, the blast effects on upslopes facing the explosion might be increased. In general, maximum destructive effects would be more likely in areas with level terrain.



THE PERCENTAGE of persons who would be killed and injured in an atomic attack on Asheville is shown on this zonal chart prepared by the Federal Civil Defense Administration. Based on information gathered from A-bomb attacks on Japanese cities and subsequent atomic experiments, from 75 to 90 per cent of the population in zone one—one half mile from the point of explosion—would be killed.

Malvern Hills Club Reelects Julian Brookshire

Julian Brookshire was reelected president of the Malvern Hills Community Club last night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton and their son, Jean, of the Plonk School of Creative Arts, presented a program of readings and a humorous father and son skit.

Other officers elected are: Fred English, vice president; William Rice, secretary; and Mrs. John White, treasurer.

Committee chairmen are, street—Mrs. Fred English, Mrs. Will L. Moore, Mrs. Leonard Johnson, and Mrs. C. M. McCracken; constitution—Mrs. E. D. Chandler; program—Ernest C. Moore; social—Mrs. J. O. Hendrix; restrictions—B. L. Hayes; improvements—Harold Watkins; and ways and means—Hilliard Arrowood.

New members presented were: Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burnham, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fishburn.

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David Millard To Battle Hall Fletcher In Finals

David Millard and Hall Fletcher, Asheville's two junior high schools, will meet for the Western North Carolina championship at the Hall Fletcher gym tonight at 8:30.

Both teams took semifinal wins last night to move into the finals. Tonight's clash between the two schools marks the third straight time that the teams have met in the finals of the Western North Carolina Junior High School Tournament. Hall Fletcher has won the event twice.

In action last night, the Hall Fletcher Rebels came from behind in the second half to turn back Hendersonville, a team which has beaten the Rebels twice this season for Hall Fletcher's only losses.

But the Rebels were not to be denied last night as they roared back after trailing 14-22 at the half. Big Bobby Swayngim, the Rebels' brilliant center, poured 30 points through the hoops to lead the assault. It was Hall Fletcher's best game of the year.

David Millard, which has dropped only one game all season, had little trouble in reaching the finals. The top-seeded DM quint walloped Edneyville, 75-40. Teno Payne with 22 points, and Charles Young with 19 were the scoring leaders.

In the consolation finals tonight, Hendersonville will battle Edneyville at 7:30.

The championship games is a natural with the two keen rivals squaring off in the headliner. The top flight game is scheduled to get under way immediately following the consolation tilt.

Tonight's David Millard—Hall Fletcher clash will be the only chance local fans will have to see the quints tangle with each other since they are not scheduled for a regular season contest.

SEMIFINALS

The Lineups:

Hall Fletcher (54)	(36) Hendersonville
F—Fletcher (4)	(10) Orr—F
F—Hensley (2)	(2) Starnes—F
C—Swayngi m (30)	(2) Stepp—C
G—Bugg (10)	(3) Byers—G
G—Crawford (4)	(15) Redden—G

Subs: Hall Fletcher—Holder 4. Hendersonville—Hamah 4.

Halftime Score: Hendersonville 22, Hall Fletcher 14.

The Lineups:

David Millard (75)	(40) Edneyville
F—Robinson (6)	(13) Dalton—F
F—Smith (9)	(12) McGraw—F
C—Hagan (2)	(8) Alexander—C
G—Payne (22)	(3) H. Pryor—G
G—Young (19)	(1) S. Pryor—G

Subs: DM—Wright 6 Austin, Harris 2, Jackson, Whitaker 2, Cox 1, Haig 2, Cole, Ballard 4. Edneyville—Brown, Taylor 3.

Halftime: David Millard 44, Edneyville 18.

Asheville Citizen February 17, 1951

City Moves To Purchase Fire Station

Drafting of necessary legal papers incident to the purchase of West Asheville property for location of a new fire department sub-station, was ordered yesterday by City Manager J. Wildon Weir.

Green light for the $10,000 purchase was given after City Attorney Robert Wells reported that investigation showed title to the property to be clear and that a survey of the area, which embraces two lots, had been completed.

The property is located at Haywood Road and Clinton Streets.

Once the sale is consumated, the city manager is authorized to employ an architect to submit plans for the building. Under present plans the structure, in addition to housing the fire fighters, will contain an office where West Asheville resident may pay their utility bills. The building is expected to cost between $20,000 and $25,000.

Asheville Citizen February 27, 1951

Council Clears Way For West Span Approach

City Council cleared the way for providing four lanes for the western approach to the new Smoky Mountain Parkway Bridge at its regular meeting yesterday.

The municipal governing body gave Mayor Clarence E. Morgan authority to enter into a contract with the State Highway Commission whereby the City would pay one-third of the cost involved in securing new right-of-ways needed for the expanded thoroughfare.

Need for the additional right-of-ways arose, City Manager J. Weldon Weir told the Council, after it was decided to include a 20-foot parkway in the present two-lane highway. If future traffic demands warrant it, Weir said, the parkway can be cemeted over to create a six-lane highway.

Under Highway Commission plans an overpass and two culverts will be constructed for the new lanes. However, the City will not be called on to share in this expense.

In other actions at yesterday's meeting, the Council:

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West Asheville YMCA Names Committees

Standing committees of management were appointed at a meeting of the West Asheville YMCA last night.

Committees and chairmen include membership, John Ehle; finance, Charles A. McClain; spiritual emphasis, Burt Starnes, and boys' work, Victor Stephenson.

Brock Henry, boys, work secretary, spoke on activities of the Gray-Y. He reported that a kite-flying contest will be held sometime this month, and that baseball rather than softball will be sponsored by the Y this season.

Raymond Bell, chairman, presided.

Asheville Citizen March 7, 1951

In Case Of A-Bomb Blast

Six Survival Secrets Are Listed By CD Director

You can survive an atom bomb attack and you don't have to have a Geiger counter to do it.

A half-dozen "S's"—Six Survival Secrets—are about all the average Asheville resident needs to weather any lethal blast which the boys in the Kremlin might cook up for this resort city.

If you care to argue the accuracy of those twin claims, Civil Defense Director Robert F. Phillips, who's in charge of readying the city for possible attack, will refer you to the official United States government booklet, "Survival Under Atomic Attack."

"In the first place," says the guardian of public safety, "there's been an awful lot of bosh written and spoken about the atomic bomb. To most of us the word 'atomic' has an exaggerated meaning of fearfulness. What we need to realize—and so seldom do—is that atom-splitting is just another way of causing an explosion.

"While it is true that the atomic bomb holds more death and destruction than has ever before been crammed into a single package, its total power is definitely limited. Not even the hydrogen bomb, which is vastly more powerful, could blow the earth apart or kill us all by mysterious radiation.

"Because the power of all bombs is limited, the individual's chances of living through an A-attack are much better than is generally realized. At Nagasaki, for example, almost 70 per cent of the persons only a mile distant from the explosion are still alive. Today thousands of survivors of that attack live in new houses built right where their old ones once stood. The war may have changed their way of life, but they are not riddled with cancer. Their children are normal. Those who were temporarily unable to have children because of the radiation, now are having children again."

The six survival secrets—which might have saved a large number of lives in Nagasaki had the Japs known to practice them—are listed by the booklet as:

1. Try to Get Shielded. "If you have time, get down in a basement. Should you unexpectedly be caught out-of-doors, seek shelter alongside a building, or jump into any handy ditch or gutter."

2. Drop Flat on Ground or Floor. "To keep from being tossed about and to lessen the chances of being struck by falling and flying objects, flatten out at the base of a wall or at the bottom of a bank," Phillips cautions.

3. Bury your face in Your Arms. "When you drop flat," says the CD chief, "hide your eyes in the crook of your elbow. That will protect your face from flash burns, prevent temporary blindness and keep flying objects out of your eyes."

4. Don't rush Outside After a Bombing. "After an air burst, wait a few minutes then go help fight fires. After other kinds of bursts wait at least an hour to give lingering radiation some chance to die down.

5. Don't Take Chances With Food or Water in Open Containers. "To prevent radioactive poisoning or disease," warns Phillips, "select your food and water with care. When there is reason to believe they may be contaminated, stick to canned and bottled things."

6. Don't Start Rumors. "In the confusion that follows a bombing, a single rumor might touch off a panic that could cost your life."

Having laid (he hopes) the myth that atomic weapons can destroy the earth, Phillips has several other misconceptions he'd like to see the general public inter.

For one, says Phillips, doubling bomb power does not double destruction. Modern A-bombs, he points out, can cause heavy damage two miles away, but doubling their strength would extend the range only to two and a half miles. To stretch the damage range from two to four miles would require a weapon more than eight times the rated power of present models.

"Contrary to general belief," the director said, "radioactivity is not the bomb's greatest threat. In most atom raids, blast and heat are by far the greatest dangers that people face. Radioactivty alone would account for only a small percentage of all human deaths and injuries, except in underground or underwater explosions."

Finally, Phillips would like to dispel the idea that radiation sickness is always fatal.

"Actually," he said, "radioactivity is seldom harmful in small doses. Even when serious radiation sickness follows a heavy dosage, there is still a good chance for recovery."

Phillips capsules his six survival secrets into this one succinct rule: In case of attack, keep your head.

"If you don't," he smiled wryly, "you're apt to get your head blown off."

Asheville Citizen March 18, 1951

A WHEELCHAIR HAS BEEN DONATED by the Busyettes Club for use at the Vance School unit of the County School for Handicapped Children. Mrs. Holly Keller (left), club project chairman, and Mrs. Robert Presley watch as Dora Woody tries out the chair. The club is an auxiliary of the American Business Club. Four children are now in attendance at Vance, but an estimated 30 additional pupils will begin attendance at classes at Vance and Newton Schools when delivery is obtained on two passenger vehicles. Purchases of the cars—of a type used by State Highway Commission surveyors and similar to station wagons—was authorized by the Buncombe County Commissioners several months ago but delivery has been delayed. The vehicles are now expected within the next few days. Any resident of the City or County who wishes to enroll a handicapped child in the school has been asked to call either J. W. Byers, superintendent of City Schools, or T. C. Roberson, head of Buncombe schools, not later than Monday morning in order that pick-up schedules may be arranged. (Citizen-Times Photo)

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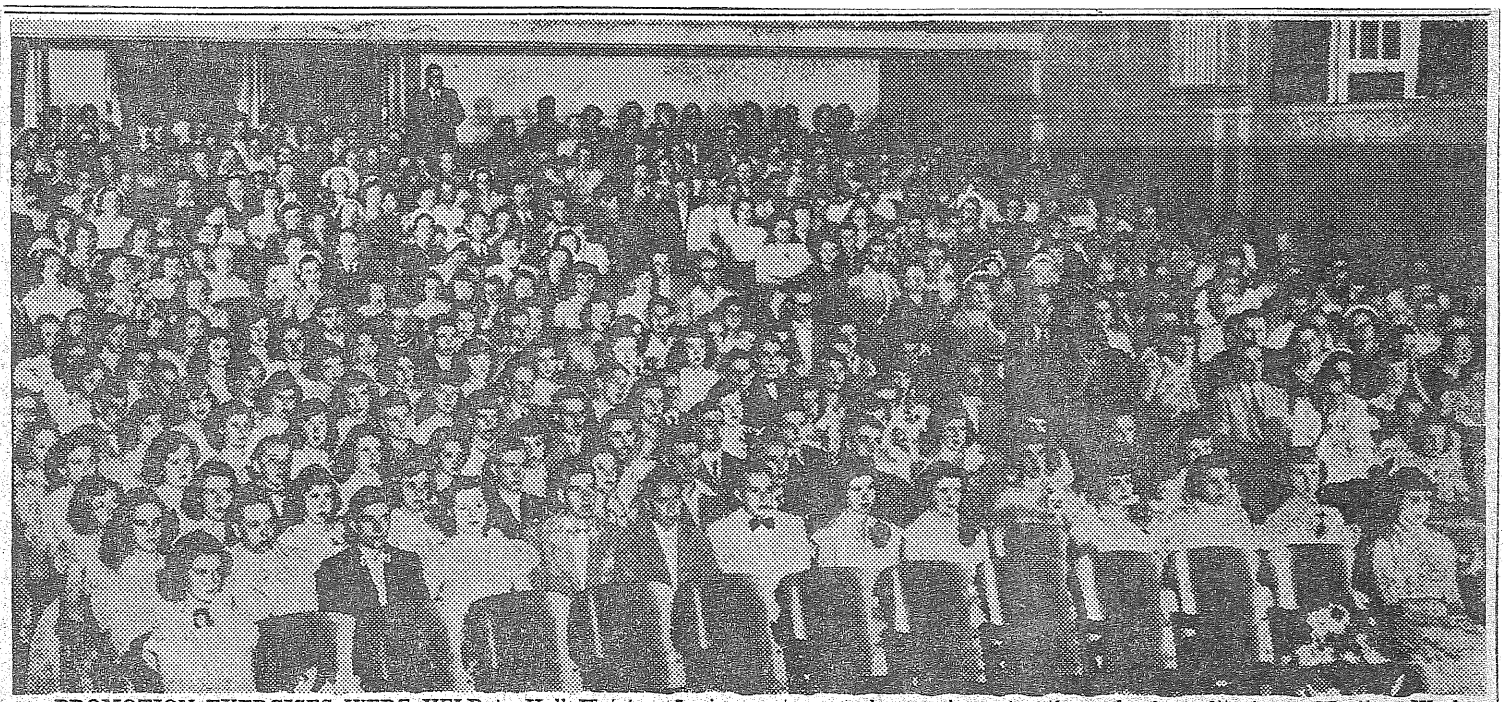
THE ASHEVILLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, located on Victoria Road in Asheville, is operated by the Catholic Order of Friars Minor. The Order purchased the Fred Kent home in April, 1949, (above) as the home for the school. Ash. Citizen 4-12-51

Asheville Citizen April 12, 1951

HALL FLETCHER PTA OFFICERS—The Parent-Teacher Association of Hall Fletcher Junior High School held the final meeting of the year yesterday and installed the new officers. They are: Mrs. Harry Atkins, president; Mrs. H. B. Miller Jr., first vice president;; Mrs. L. F. Locke, third vice president; Mrs. Riley Smith, fourth vice president; Mrs. J. E. Clark, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Clarence Miller, treasurer; Mrs. D. L. Towe, historian, and Mrs. J. W. Silvey, parliamentarian. Mrs. Fred English, second vice president, was not present when the picture was made.



PROMOTION EXERCISES WERE HELD in Hall Fletcher Junior High School yesterday at which students were speakers. Certificates were presented by the principal, T. H. Hunt, and the Rev. Nane Starnes delivered the invocation and benediction. Students and parents are shown above in the school auditorium. Martha Worley played a piano solo and other selections were sung by the eighth grade chorus. Speakers were Stephen Farrow, Geraldine Cook, Jo Ann Norman, Patsy Jackson and Lois Smith. (Citizen Photo)

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Park Clubhouse Gets Major Face-Lifting

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The Rhododendron Park Clubhouse has undergone a major face-lifting operation in the last few months because of the interest displayed by members of the West Asheville Community Club, headed by Mrs. H. B. Almon, president.

A committee headed by Mrs. D. I. Gross has redecorated the interior, redone the furniture, put down carpets, laid linoleum and upholstered furniture in plastic materials to brighten the color scheme.

All this work has been done over a period of months and the whole appearance of the interior has been altered. It is extremely attractive in color and furnishings, which included drapes at all the windows.

One major operation remains to be accomplished, but the committee is after that and a little more time will see it an accomplished fact. It has to do with the building of some additional cabinets to facilitate the handling of work in the kitchen and dining room.

The committee has had the full cooperation of the Parks Department of the City in completing this work. City officials are pleased by the interest that has been taken by members of the club in renovating and redecorating the clubhouse.

"That interest is transfusing the clubhouse into an attractive community center that will tend to stimulate further community spirit and to make possible many other activities," City Manager J. Weldon Weir said in discussing the project. "It shows a fine spirit on the part of the club members."

Asheville Citizen June 22, 1951

LOOKING AHEAD—Mrs. J. Wall Anderson, a charter member of West Asheville Community Club, confers with City Manager Weldon Weir concerning prospects for a branch of Pack Memorial Library in West Asheville. A request for an appropriation for the project has been rejected by the City this year, but the club will continue its efforts. Mrs. Anderson is a member of the Asheville Library Board. The club wants the branch library located in the new West Asheville fire station.

Home Occupied By Legion West Asheville Landmark

7-5-52

The old Starnes home on Haywood Road is one of the landmarks of West Asheville. The house now is the property of West Asheville Memorial Post, American Legion, and few passersby realize memories and exciting adventures that many former West Asheville youngsters connect with the building.

The house was built more than 60 years ago by the late George H. Starnes. The building was one of the first on the west side of the river, and Starnes built the house before his marriage for his home.

The frame house held many exciting corners which proved a great joy to the young Starneses and their friends. The home contained a large basement complete with a well. In the cellar was a sand box. Cool water from the well was poured on the sand and the food was then buried in the sand which took the place of a refrigerator.

The house was built before electric lights came to the area, and the old fashioned lamps cast a glow of mystery over the attics and large old halls.

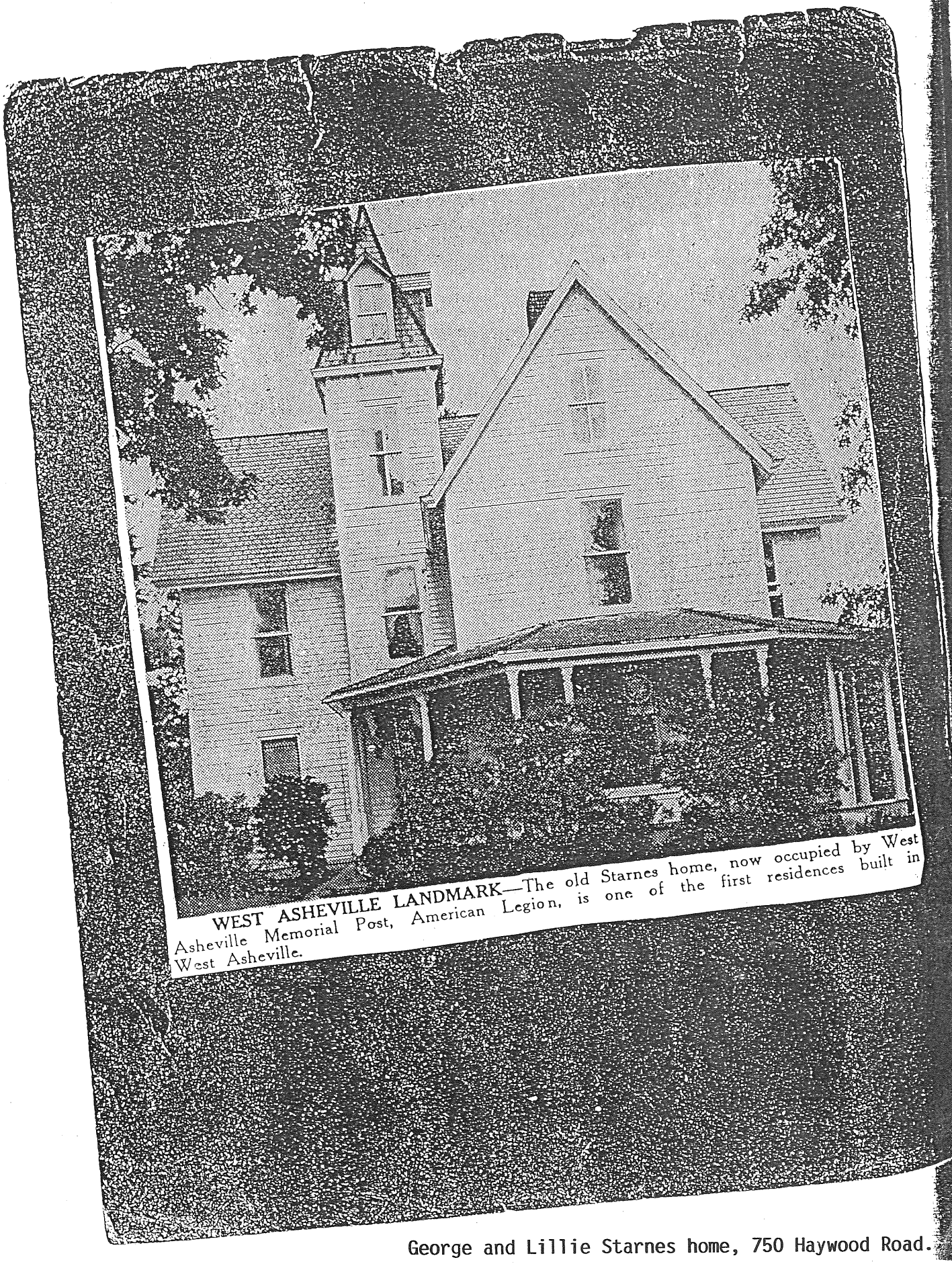
The first floor contained a large hall with kitchen, dining room and parlor. The parlor had eight sides and a huge fireplace around which were held many happy family gatherings. Bedrooms on the second floor opened off another large hall, and above the second floor was a roomy attic filled with many treasures for the young explorers.

Perhaps the most exciting of all to the young Starneses was the winding stair leading from the attic to what they called the "observatory." This cupola at the top of the house afforded a view of the surrounding country.

The house was surrounded by some five acres of land. The family kept a horse and cow, and raised vegetables. However, the elder Starnes was a business man and was in no way dependent upon the produce of his land for a living.

The home was remodeled as the area grew. Electric lighting was installed when the power lines came west of the river. In 1939 the house was completely remodeled and heating installed. The family sold the home after the death of Mrs. Starnes eight years ago, and it was purchased by the American Legion.

Four of the five Starnes children still reside in Asheville. The Rev. Nane Starnes, pastor of West Asheville Baptist Church; George H. Starnes, Burt Starnes and Glenn Starnes. Charlie Starnes lives in Fayetteville, and Miss Mable Starnes is dean of Women at Gardner-Webb College.



WEST ASHEVILLE LANDMARK—The old Starnes home, now occupied by West Asheville Memorial Post, American Legion, is one of the first residences built in West Asheville.

George and Lillie Starnes home, 750 Haywood Road.

Old George Starnes home, 851 Haywood Rd. 1951

THE ASHEVILLE ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL

members of the West Asheville Memorial Post No. 335, American Legion, present a check to cover the cost of four wheelchairs, an additional check from the Legion post, and one from the Auxiliary. L to R, rear, James S. Brent, past commander; Herbert L. Crouch, S. L. Clark, Claude DeBruhl, Beaman Pinner, vice department commander; Jack H. Duckett, vice commander of the post; Mrs. Ruth Osborne, of the Auxiliary; Mrs. Isabelle Brooks, past president of the Auxiliary; Rex W. Ingle, post chaplain; Bill Pope, and Hilliard Penland, post commander. In the wheelchairs are Wayne Flynn and Bobby Branch. (Citizen-Times Photos)

WA LEGION TO AID ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL

A resolution authorizing acquisition of wheelchairs, clothing and other equipment for the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital was approved by the West Asheville Post of the American Legion at a meeting last night.

The post is asking residents of Asheville and Western North Carolina to contribute clothing for the children. The post itself will provide the wheelchairs and other equipment.

Commander Hilliard H. Penland has asked that those wishing to donate clothing for needy young patients, mail packages to him at the post or to bring them to the Legion Hall on Haywood Road.

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ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH will rise at the corner of Mimosa and School roads, where ground was broken yesterday in a simple ceremony attended by the 30 communicants of St. George's and friends of the church. The Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, center, removed the first spadeful of earth. Howard Hickey, a student for Holy Orders and lay vicar in charge, left, removed the next spadeful of earth as the representative of the clergy, and R. L. Nahikian, right, senior warden, representative of the laity, turned the third spadeful. St. George's Church was founded for Episcopalians living in West Asheville who wanted a church on their side of the river, the first service being held in West Asheville Memorial American Legion Post January 15, 1950. Bishop Henry was instrumental in founding the church. (Citizen-Times Photo) Ash. Citz. 7-8-51

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Church's Role In Development Of West Asheville Area Began In Interdenominational Meeting House In 1887

The growth of religious organizations in West Asheville is an illustration of the bond between God and man, as Creator and creature. Through religion man renews this bond, so that religion is the acknowledgement of man's dependence upon a supreme power.

Thus when Christian people dwell together the center of activity is the church. As West Asheville has grown and become more densely populated, so there has been a corresponding growth in the religious denominations in the area.

The first church in West asheville was a "meeting house" without denomination. Its beginnings were in the vision of a saintly man. Peter Miller, who lived over a century ago with his family in a sparsely populated community west of the river.

As he worked on his farm, Miller would meditate on God's word and longed for a "meeting house" where he with his family and neighbors might worship, and where their children might attend school during the week. One day as he walked along what is now Haywood Road, he paused at the top of a hill and saw a grove of trees. While gazing at the scene he had a vision of the "meeting house" planted admist the trees. He told his experience to his wife, Betsy, and his brother George, and they hoped and prayed that the spot might one day be holy ground.

It is on that spot that the West Asheville Methodist Church now stands. The first history of the church is found in a deed made by Thomas L. Gaston and dated December 6, 1847. The deed stated that the ground was given for the chapel to be a benefit for the neighborhood. George and Peter Miller were the trustees. Later George and Peter gave more land including the ground on which the church parsonage now stands.

The first building was of wood and was undenominational. "Uncle George Miller," father of Peter and George, and "Uncle Johnnie Reynolds" were Methodist preachers One of them preached the first sermon but history does not record which one. However, members of other denominations also preached in the chapel.

Forty-five people were enrolled in the first church, and the earliest records were class books in which members were marked present or absent. Among families listed as members of the early church were Alexander, Brookshire, Clark, Collins, Cowan, Duckett, Gaston, Jarrett, Miller and Wright.

In 1870 James Buttrick came from England and joined heart and hand with the founders in an effort to make the "meeting house" larger and of more service to the community. It was his great desire for the church to become a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and through his influence this was accomplished. The church became a member of the Leicester Circuit and the Holsten Methodist Conference.

The church showed a steady growth in membership and in 1907 it was made a station and taken out of the circuit. The church had been named Balm Grove Methodist Church because of the balm of Gilead trees growing on the lot.

The first brick church was begun on June 5. 1909. The church was renamed West Asheville Methodist Church. The present building was completed in May 1927.

About the time the first building was going up for t Asheville Methodist Chur

RECREATION PROGRAM—Calvary Baptist Church has supervised summer recreation program.

vary Baptist Church was organized. Next came the West Asheville Presbyterian Church in 1916.

At the present time there are three large Baptist churches in the area, West Asheville Baptist, Grace Baptist and Calvary Baptist, two Methodist Churches, West Asheville and Abernethy, one Wesleyan Methodist, one People's Methodist, two Presbyterian churches, West Asheville and Malvern Hills, one Roman Catholic, St. Joan of Arc with a parochial school attached, one Church of Christ, a Church of God, Gospel Mission, and St. George Episcopal Church, the youngest denomination in the area, ground for the church having been broken last week.

The need for schools in connection with the churches has passed away. However, each church carries on a program for young people Calvary Baptist Church has enlarged on this idea and carries on a full scale recreation program all through the week. Fred Ruby, a student at Mars Hill College, is recreation director, and directs organized play from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. for smaller children, sessions from 2 to 5 p. m. for older children and young people, and a Thursday playnight for the young people.

1950 Is Healthiest Year Here In Decade

Last year was the healthiest for Asheville in the last decade.

This was reported by Dr. Margery J. Lord, city health officer, yesterday as she made public the City Health Department's annual report.

Though the birth rate was down slightly and the death rate up, compared to 1940, the city suffered less during 1950 from communicable diseases, than in the previous year or the previous nine years, she added.

Heart diseases, again the leading killer, took 226 lives last year.

Intercranial vascular lesions was a poor second, with a death toll of 71.

Cancer took 55 lives, and 49 persons died by violence—homicide, accidents and other causes other than disease or old age.

Congenital conditions and prematurity caused 43 deaths, and nephritis (kidney ailment) took 23 lives.

Tuberculosis took 23 lives—three more than 1949—of the 100 cases under treatment during the year. This was the biggest killer among the communicable diseases.

In that category, only one other death was recorded. Polio was the cause in this case.

The single fatality was the only death among the city's 17 recorded cases of polio last year.

The previous year, one death was also caused by polio, but only half a dozen cases were reported.

The birth rate for 1950, the report said, was 23.4 for the city's 52,208 population.

In 1949 the birth rate was a fraction above one higher than last year's figure.

The Department recorded 2,767 babies born living, and 73 still-births.

Resident living births reached 1,221, with 39 still-births.

A total of 830 persons died during 1950, with 594 reported as resident deaths.

Ninety children died in infancy, with 43 deaths described as resident.

The city had a clean record last year for maternity deaths: not a single mother died in childbirth.

The report also shows the activities of the school health program during the 1949-50 school year, the health education program, civil defense work of the department, the venereal disease control program, and other work carried out under the department.

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West Asheville Can Support Claim Of Being Religious Center Of City

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After looking at the spires breaking the skyline, West Asheville people are starting to describe their community as the religious center of Asheville.

Supporting this claim is the existence of at least 23 churches, with one new building under construction and another planned.

This total figure must be prefaced by the phrase "at least," for the unofficial count could have missed some of the smaller chapels in the residential areas.

All this means that members of every major denomination, with the exception of the Jewish faith, and many of the smaller sects can attend their own services without having to cross the West Asheville bridge.

Of the 23 churches, 18 are for white congregations, five for Negroes.

Besides having probably more churches for its size than any similar community in the state, West Asheville also has four of what one pastor termed "the larger" Baptist churches of Greater Asheville.

Only the First Baptist, of Asheville, with its enrollment of approximately 2,400 has a larger congregation than Calvary Baptist of West Asheville.

Next in size to this denomination is West Asheville Baptist, with 1,300 worshippers, followed by the Craven Street Baptist, with 700 to 800, and Grace Baptist Church organized two years ago, with a roster of between 500 and 600.

The Grace Church was formed by a group of members of the Calvary Church.

The community also is the home of Greater Asheville's second largest Methodist Church, which is also one of the oldest in the city.

This venerable institution, organized nearly 150 years ago, has approximately 1,500 members—second in number only to Asheville's Central Methodist.

Approximately a dozen other churches of West Asheville count 100 or more members:

West Asheville Presbyterian, 600; Church of God, 500; Wesleyan Methodist and Abernathy Methodist, 300 each; Peoples' Methodist, Malvern Hills Presbyterian, St. Joan of Arc Catholic, 200 each; Piney Grove Baptist, 100 to 200; Riverview Baptist and Sulphur Springs Park Baptist, approximately 100 each.

The Horney Heights Free Will Baptist has nearly 100 in its congregation, and the Sand Hill Baptist Church on Sand Hill Road organized only last year has approximately 50.

Figures for the churches organized for the Negroes of West Asheville were not available.

Two of these are Methodist, two are Baptist.

Among the white congregations of West Asheville, two—the Jewish and the Mormons—must cross the river to Asheville to worship.

But some time in the near future, the Mormons won't have to make the trip.

A lot at the corner of Haywood and Beverly bears a sign that announces the land as the site of the future home of the church in West Asheville.

In about eight weeks, members of West Asheville's first Episcopal [illegible] will attend services in their own brand new $15,000 building in Malvern Hills between Mimosa and School Road.

ABOUT TWO MONTHS from now parishioners and Sunday school students of 18-months-old St. George's Episcopal Church will be using this $15,000 one-story building in Malvern Hills. The congregation of approximately 50, making up West Asheville's first Episcopal church, currently attends services and Sunday school in the club house of the West Asheville Memorial American Legion Post. (Citizen Photo)

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Actually, this new structure, which was in the masonry-laying stage early this week, is planned for St. George's Episcopal Church Sunday school building.

But when it's completed, services will be held in the ground-floor room and Sunday school classes in the basement.

This, however, is just the first building of two scheduled to be erected on the property.

A church will be built later.

Officials said the Sunday school was being built first so that by checking attendance and other figures they could determine how large a church the congregation actually would need.

Currently St. George's congregation of approximately 40 and its Sunday school enrollment of 30 are using the rooms of the West Asheville Memorial American Legion Post at 831 Haywood Road.

The church for West Asheville was organized a year ago last January, with 26 charter members enrolled.

Actually, church officials estimate some 350 families of West Asheville are Episcopalian, with the vast majority attending churches outside of the community.

Though the number of churches and their attendance is rather impressive now, it promises to be even more so in the future.

With West Asheville's population steadily increasing, enlargement of existing church facilities and the construction of new ones in the community appears inevitable to laymen and pastors.

Some citizens, in fact, are even forecasting that West Asheville eventually will supplant Charlotte as the nation's top community in reference to the number of churches in proportion to population.

Malvern Hills Has Historic Burial Ground

By MARGUERITE ALEXANDER

There is a sacred spot in the Malvern Hills section of West Asheville which is connected by invisible strands to much of the early history of Asheville and Buncombe County.

The spot is a tiny graveyard surrounded by Asheville School property and now under the guardianship of Acton Methodist Church.

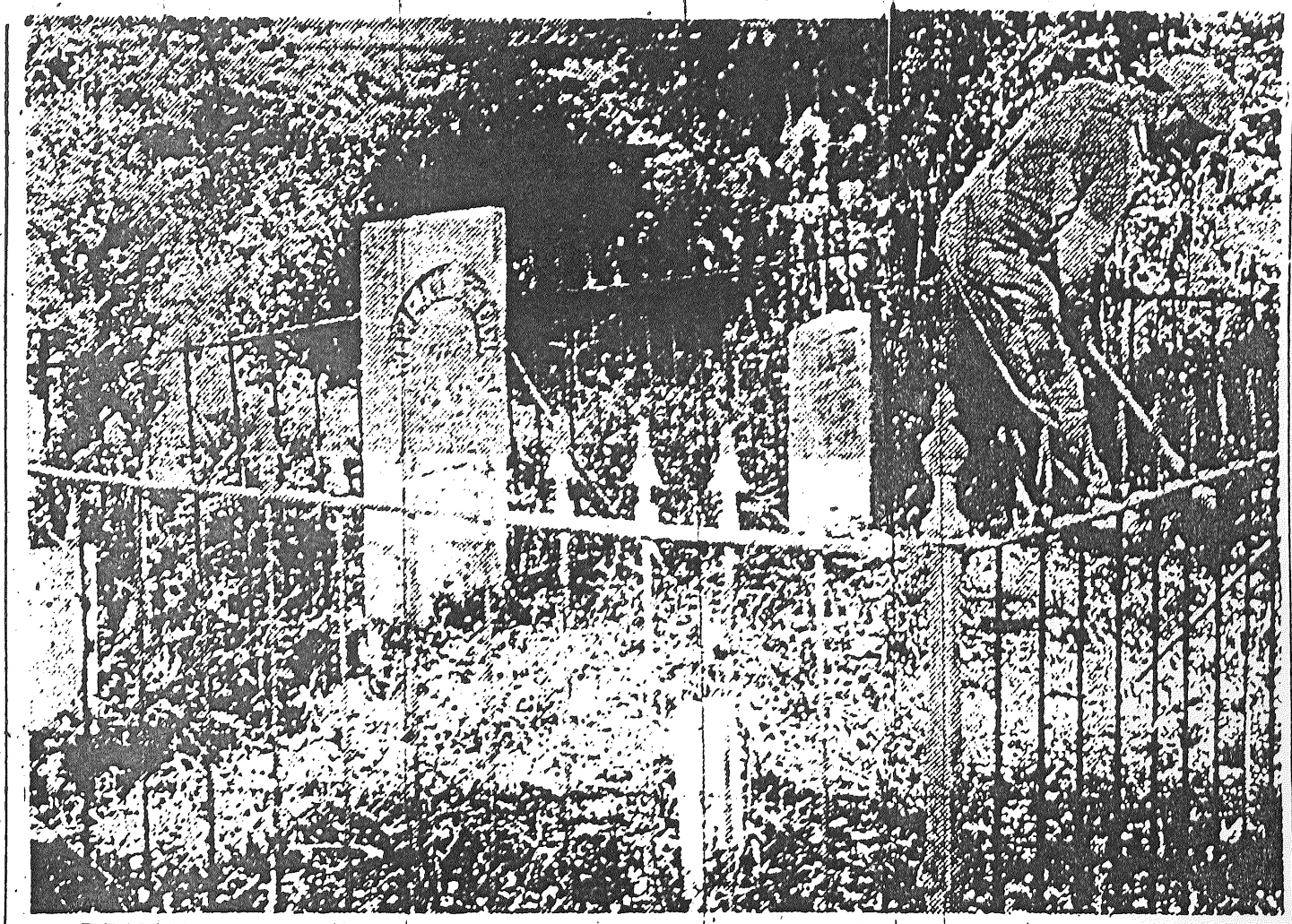
The ground for the cemetery was given by Robert Henry who was the great-grandfather of William Henry of Starnes Cove Road and Powel Henry, his cousin, of Asheville.

According to Dr. F. A. Sondley's history of Buncombe County Robert Henry played a large part in the early history of the county. He was of Scotch Irish extraction and was born in Mecklenburg County on February 10, 1765, and was the son of Thomas Henry and his wife Martha Shield Henry. In his early manhood Robert Henry fought on the American side of the Battle of Kings Mountain and in the fight at Cowan's Ford on Catawba River.

When the white settlement began in what is now Buncombe County, Henry moved to this region. He was a surveyor and many of the large grants in the counties of Western North Carolina and middle Tennessee were surveyed by him. In 1799 he participated in running and marking the dividing line between North Carolina and Tennessee from the southern border of Virginia southward as far as Big Pigeon River.

Later he turned his attention to law and was the first solicitor to reside in the county. He was active in criminal practice, he also studied medicine and was the first school principal in the county having the school on the old Newton Academy sight. Among his distinctions was that of having been a subject of King George III of North Carolina.

Henry, probably during his work as a surveyor, and his slave, Sam, discovered Sulphur Springs. He opened and conducted the famous public resort at Sulphur Springs described as the rendezvous for the elite from Charleston and other larger points South. The hotel was built near what is now Malvern Hills Swimming pool and the water from the springs was brought up by a bucket and pully.



RESTORING ORDER—In the almost forgotten cemetery in the Malvern Hills section order is being brought back to the old graves through money left by a member of the Henry family, original owners of the land. W. B. Kirby is shown working on the Hutsell family plot.

Col. Reuben Deaver of the Deaver family also well known in the section was a connection of the Henry family and erected the hotel and several cabins. Fire destroyed the hotel in 1862 and some years later Edwin G. Carrier for whom the Carrier Bridge was named, came from Michigan and became interested in the property building a brick hotel.

Robert Henry while interested in Sulphur Springs gave the land for the cemetery deeding it to trustees for the burial of human bodies, according to his great grandson, William Henry. The tract was originally nine acres. Among the trustees were the names of Hawkins and Taylor.

Robert Henry left his land in that section to his son William Henry, grandfather of the William Henry of Starnes Cove Road. However, during the civil war the land was lost and more property was purchased later in the Starnes Cove Road section, the Henries are still living on this land.

The cemetery became disused and neglected. However, three years ago James T. Henry, an uncle of William Henry of Starnes Cove Road, left a sum of money to care for the cemetery, naming Acton Methodist Church as trustee. It has taken three years for the machinery to be put in motion, but the cemetery, now only approximately five acres, is gradually being cleared. Among those buried in the ground are the families of the Henry, Hawkins and Taylors. Cora Henry, the baby daughter of William Henry, son of the Robert Henry, lies buried there. Until a few years ago an angel stood guard over the tots last resting place. However, some thoughtless youth broke the head and only the body of the angel remains.

During the last few years additional graves have been made in the cemetery, and these are in a well-cared for condition.

The site of the hotel and cemetery lie close to the old Indian path and the land in the entire area is full of tradition and landmarks of the early days in Buncombe County. In these days there seemed to be a natural link between the Swannanoa area and the west side of the river. Here it is said Capt. William Moore and John Harden camped in September 1776 while awaiting orders for proceeding against the Cherokees. A tradition of this encampment is recorded by Dr. Gail Tennent whose family owned land in the vicinity. The tradition relates that Capt. Moore was annoyed by dogs coming to steal venison brought in by the hunters. One day he poisoned some of the meat for the dogs. However, an old Indian spy got the poison and in his last moments laid a curse on the land, believing that the water had poisoned him. It is believed that now the curse has petered out, but the burning of many hotels on the site are attributed by many to the curse.

Asheville Times August 9, 1951

Playgrounds Draw Many Thousands In W. Asheville

More than 11,000 men, women and children kept one park and two playgrounds in West Asheville busy in June and July.

Miss Augusta Barnett, city recreation director, in reporting these figures, however, said they did not include the statistics for Rhododendron Park or the Malvern Hills Park swimming pool.

The playground in Malvern Hills Park entertained 2,050 customers in June, and 3,920 in July.

At Hall Fletcher Junior High School 790 youngsters played in June, and 1,012 in July, and this doesn't include the boys who played baseball in the two divisions of the City Recreation League.

Loop play during the regular season had 985 young ball players active on the Hall Fletcher diamond in June and 1,137 in July.

No records were kept for Rhododendron Park, but Miss Barnett reported all 20 picnic tables stayed fully occupied most of the week every week of the two months.

The Burton Street (Negro) School playground entertained 748 young customers in June and 751 in July.

All four of these public playgrounds figure in the city recreation program, with Hall Fletcher "headquarters" for the campaigns in the Junior and Intermediate Baseball Leagues.

Supervising the program at Hall Fletcher is Miss Jean Brown.

The Burton Street program is headed by Mrs. Anna McElreath.

Both big parks in West Asheville provide the public with an area of 103.5 acres for recreation.

Rhododendron Park, popular for picnics and nature study sessions, covers 95 acres that is dotted with swings, a pavilion, restrooms and picnic facilities.

Malvern Hills, though not so large, is more intensively equipped, with the pool, bathhouse, restrooms and pavilion, picnic grounds, tennis and horse shoe-pitching courts and other facilities including picnic grounds.

Miss Sara Goforth is playground leader there, and Herb Coman manages the pool. On his staff are three to four lifeguards and eight assistants who work around the pool area.

Arthur Taylor is maintenance man for the park.

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Open House Is Held At Eliada Home

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Yesterday's Open House marked the introduction to the public of Eliada Home's new $50,000 children's cottage.

It also was an indication of the way the orphanage has grown quietly, with the aid of sympathetic benefactors of many faiths, from the initial building that Dr. Lucius Compton first used for a headquarters back in 1906 when he founded the home.

Older than the first building at the Home, incidentally, is another organization that serves as a monument to the rural Haywood County minister's sense of human values.

This is the Rescue Home For Girls in Asheville, also known as Faith Cottage, which Compton founded in 1903.

The new cottage was built to take care of the youngest of the Home's 71 orphan boys and girls.

Nine children ranging in age from one to five years now live in the neat new building, and 11 more will be able to move in after the interior is fully completed.

Eight rooms are in use, and four more are being finished.

The children eat in the orphanage's main dining room.

But if they get sick and have to remain in their rooms, the cottage's modern new kitchen can take care of their appetites.

By the time these youngsters get ready to leave, to go to work or college, they will have been fully prepared with a complete elementary and high school education.

They'll go through grammar school at the home.

Later, the girls will go to Emma High School, and the boys to nearby Ben Lippen High.

The thoroughness with which these young folks are educated is reflected in the list of Home graduates who now hold college degrees and responsible positions in business and industry.

Responsible for the care and teaching of the youngsters is the staff of officials and nine workers. Among the workers are two teachers from the Buncombe County school system who conduct the classes at the home.

Pack Memorial Public Library
Asheville, N. C.

West Asheville Became Part Of City In 1917

For many years, "growing pains" of the Town of West Asheville had been nearing the acute stage. It happened on June 9, 1917, when the consolidation election was held, with Asheville proper annexing the expanding sister town across the river by a small majority of only eight votes out of 330 polled.

This "eked out" victory by the consolidation faction went on record at the final meeting of the Town Board of Aldermen, following a meeting June 11 at Asheville's City Hall to canvass the vote. This was done by a joint committee from the City and the Town.

J. E. Rankin was mayor of the City and J. L. Crook was mayor of the Town. Members of the last Board of Aldermen for West Asheville included the mayor, J. D. Dermid, C. M. Johnson, H. E. Hames, Dr. J. G. Anderson and F. B. Ingle.

Signing the documents for the City of Asheville were the mayor; J. G. Stikeleather, secretary of the joint committee; and D. Hiden Ramsey of the Board of Commissioners. Ramsey was Commissioner of Public Safety and Stikeleather was Commissioner of Public Works.

In the Town of West Asheville vote on the matter of joining "big sister across the river," there were 169 votes in favor of the union and 161 against it.

Charles W. Dermid, Asheville commissioner of public works and son of J. D. Dermid, one of the last aldermen of West Asheville, provided the old documents and picture for this report on the last days of West Asheville as "a town."

Although World War I was on the horizon, those were "easy going" days for the most part, and "a dollar would get you three or four dollars (circa 1951) worth of goods."

(During that year in West Asheville, J. B. Hill built a three-room house for $300, J. W. Lakey erected a four-room residence for $600 and S. J. Morgan constructed a five-room dwelling for $700, according to building permits approved by the Board of Aldermen).

The following was taken from the old record in City Hall vault:

"Pursuant to the provision of an Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, entitled 'An Act to Consolidate the City of Asheville and the Town of West Asheville, in the County of Buncombe,' the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of West Asheville, and the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Asheville, met in joint session at City Hall of Asheville at 1 p. m., June 11, 1917, to canvass the vote."

The figures were then cited and the adoption of the report and canvass was moved by Mayor Rankin of Asheville and seconded by Dr. J. G. Anderson. It was attested by Stikeleather, secretary of the joint committee, and Mayor Crook of West Asheville, who served as chairman of the joint canvassing committee.

The document was signed for West Asheville by the other members of the Board of Aldermen—Dermid, Johnson, Hames and Ingle. It also was signed by Commissioner Ramsey of Asheville.

In another document prepared and passed by the West Asheville Board, it was pointed out that it was necessary to transfer all the property—real, personal and mixed—of the Town of West Asheville to the City of Asheville. This action was moved by Anderson and seconded by Johnson, and the city clerk, H. B. Posey, was authorized to execute and deliver to the City of Asheville "any, and all, necessary deeds, conveyances, transfers and instruments proper and requisite, to transfer to, and vest in the City of Asheville the title to all property, real, personal and mixed, of every kind and description owned by the Town of West Asheville."

That was 34 years ago this summer. Some sidelights of the period showed:

The tax levy for 1917 was: real estate and personel property, 75 cents on each $100 for sinking fund; 15 cents for general funds; and five cents for streets; with street tax set at $3.

E. B. Wright and H. Pumford were named plumbing inspectors.

Approval was given for paving Swannanoa, Michigan, Louisiana, Tremont and Hanover Streets and Sand Hill Road.

Further, a sidewalk was approved for Hanover Street.

The Town's plumber was putting in a water line on Tremont Street to the Franklin property.

Two of the consolidation election judges resigned. They were C. H. Chunn and R. J. Worley. Replacements were C. M Dills and Hugh Sowers

St. Paul's Negro Church was erected at a cost of $750.

J. H. Buckner built a barn for $100. C. C. Hutchinson erected one for $25 and Mrs. E. Wilder constructed a similar structure for $30 Mrs. Wilder also built a garage for $20.

The Asheville Power and Light Company filed a written acceptance of a franchise granted June 1.

F. Zimmerman built a potato house for $100 and W. S. McCrary made extensive repairs to his residence at an outlay of $150.

W. O. Newton built two residences in Greenwood Park for $2,400; and the J. T. Bledsoe Company built a residence on Pennsylvania Avenue for $2,500.

And so the Town of Asheville "faded away" as a municipality.

This was the consolidation of the period, but for many years there would have been a heavy vote against the move. West Asheville residents just didn't like the idea of being "swallowed up."

And they never have been.

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PUPPETEERS—A group of West Asheville children hardly expected to get into the show business when they began making puppets as a crafts project at Malvern Hills playground this summer but they did such a good job of molding a mixture of soggy newspapers and glue into shape that the playground supervisor, Miss Sara Goforth, urged them to continue and make a full set of characters to depict the story of Little Red Riding Hood. The group will present that story in a puppet show as a part of the city-wide crafts exhibit in City Auditorium today and tomorrow. Shown with their dolls are, left to right, Gary Stamey, Morgan Pritchard, Pat May, Patricia Jackson, Gail Jackson and Susan Stamey.

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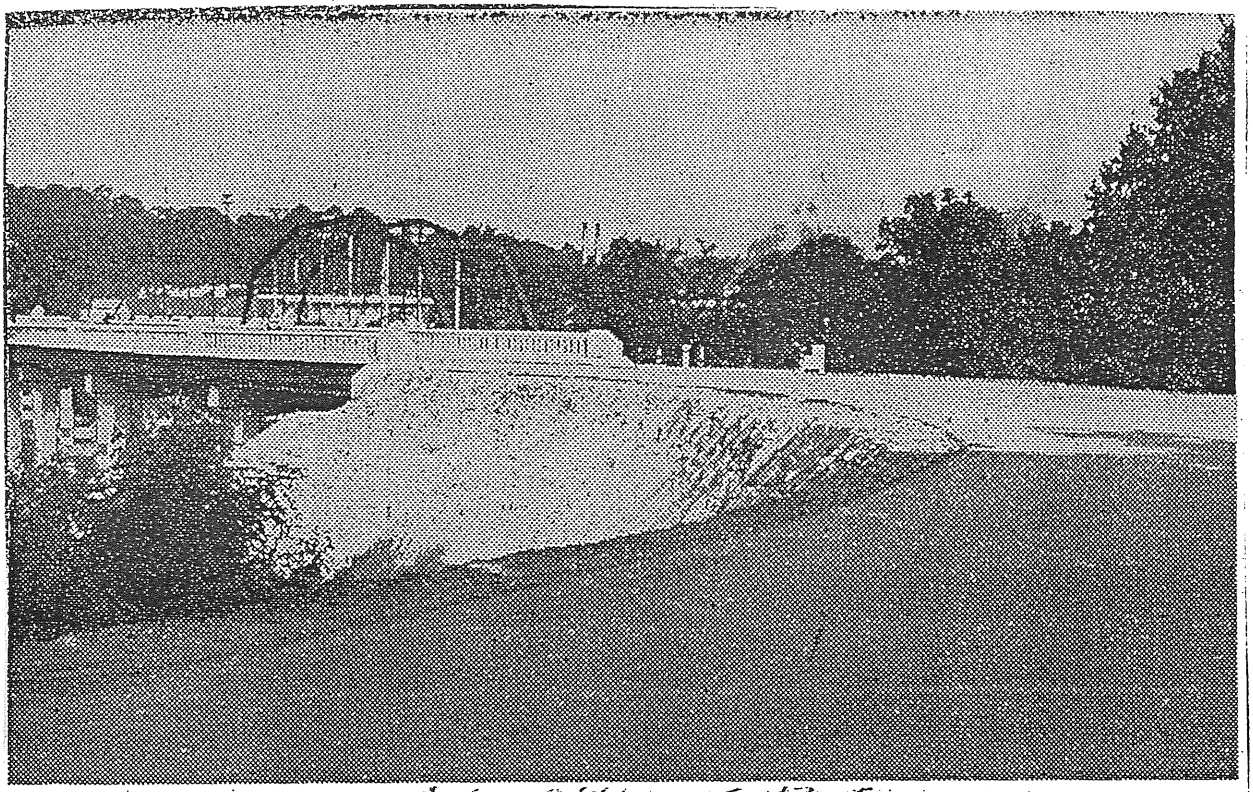

THE SECOND NEW BRIDGE to be completed across the French Broad River and opened to Asheville-West Asheville traffic in less than a year, the new $115,000 Carrier Bridge has been finished with exception of the paving of part of its approaches. The 421-foot span replaces the steel structure, erected in 1889, which is seen in background. Work of paving the approaches is scheduled to be done today. The 1,228-foot long Smoky Park Highway Bridge was dedicated and opened to traffic last October 23. (Citizen Photo)

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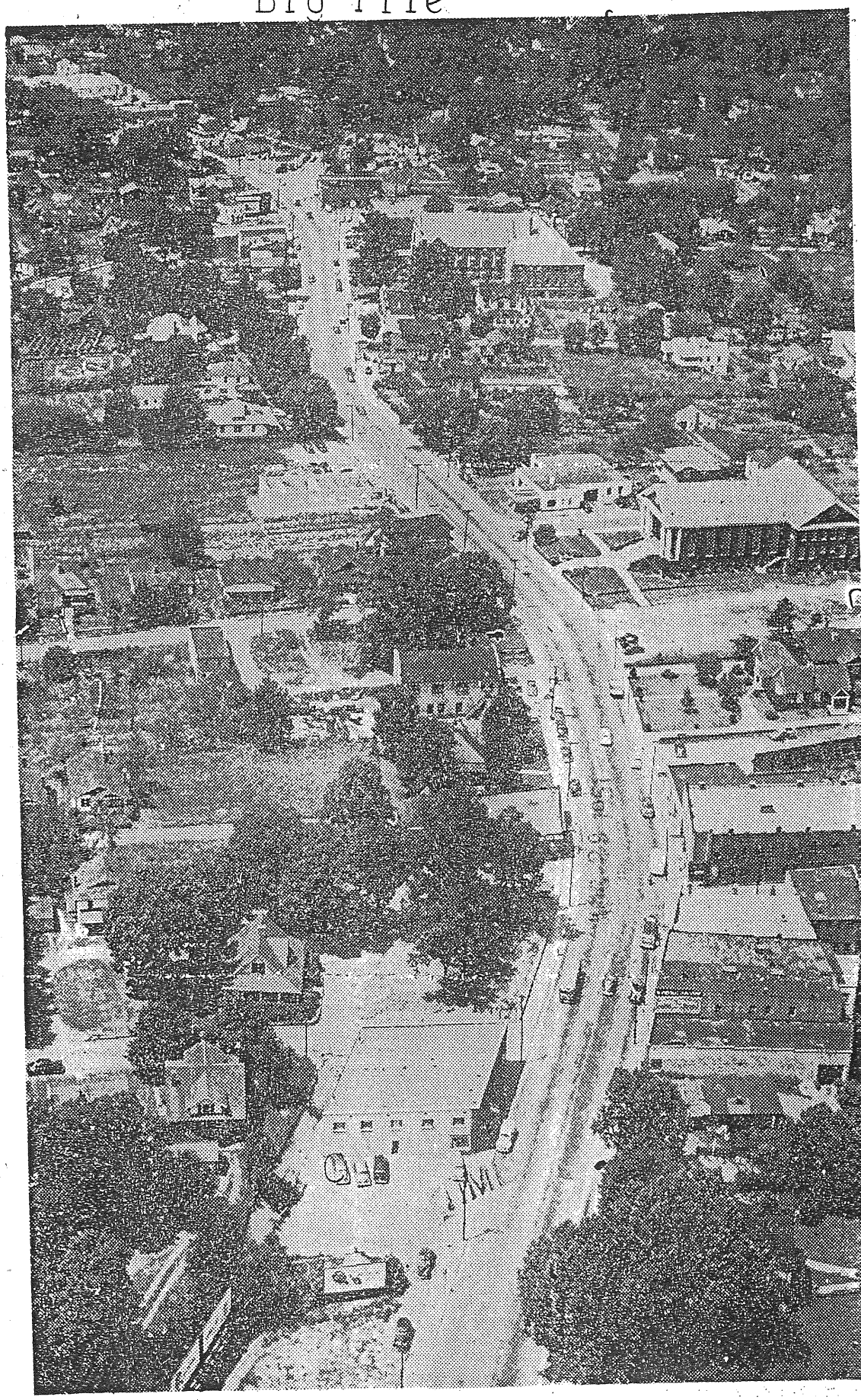

HAYWOOD ROAD FROM THE AIR—Part of the West Asheville business section is shown in this aerial view of Haywood Road, looking west from the vicinity of Burton Street. (Times Aerial Photo by Bill Warren.)

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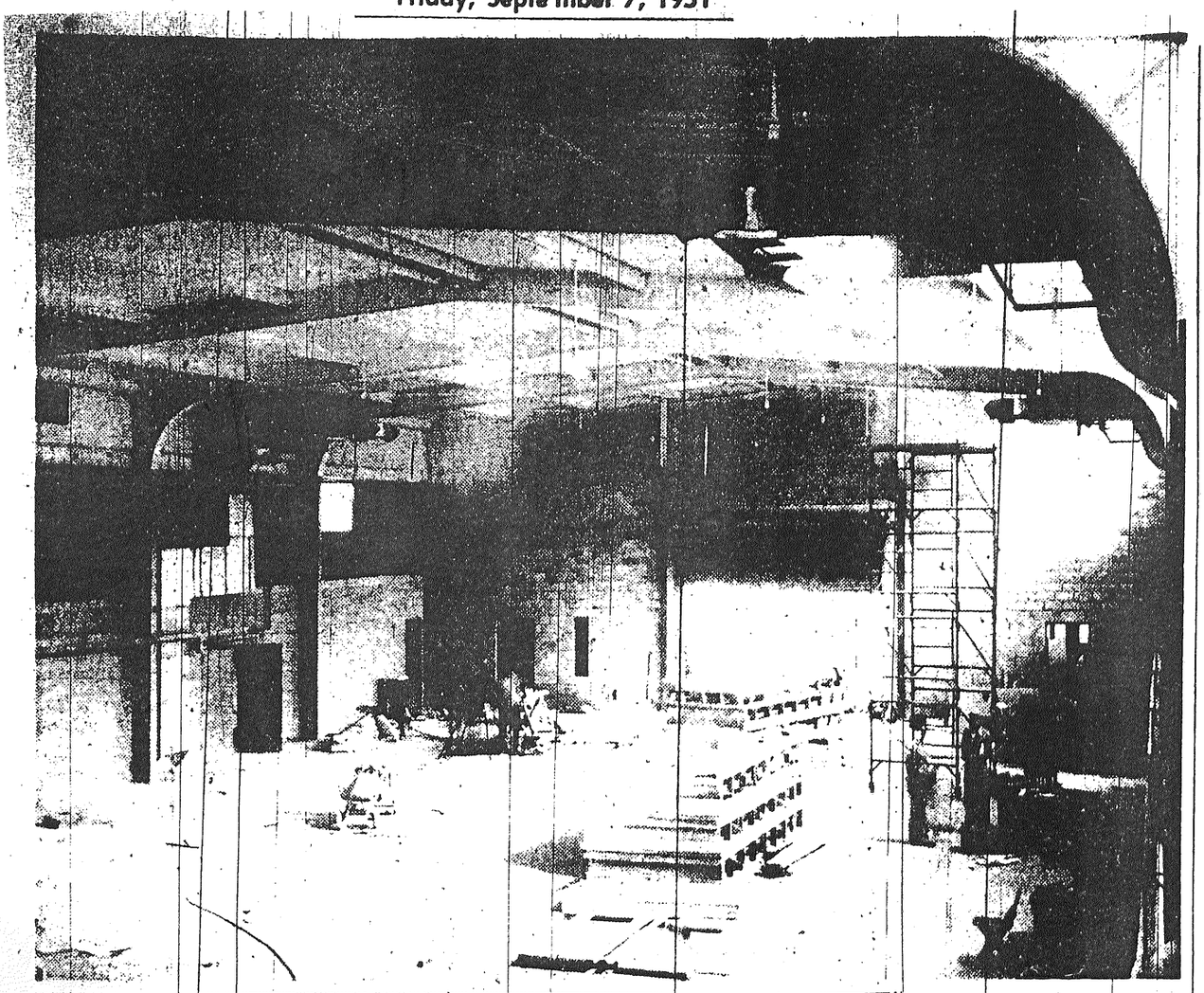


THE ARMY'S NEW ARMORY—The Asheville Organized Reserve Corps is moving into its new $230,000 armory on Louisiana Avenue today. In the top photo, workmen are putting finishing touches on the drill floor, which will hold 3,000 men in formation. The drill floor will also serve as an auditorium. In the bottom photo, Maj. Wayne D. Smith, unit instructor, and SFC. William A. Bonds inspect a 57 millimeter recoilless rifle, part of the ORC's standard equipment. Open house will be held at the new structure October 27.

Asheville Citizen September 7, 1951

Emory Research

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS — Mrs. Karl Cogan, left, past president of the American Legion Auxiliary to the Rockwell-Ballew Post, presents the gavel to Mrs. W. W. Ballew, new president, at an installation meeting of the unit held last night in the Courthouse.

Mrs. W. W. Ballew To Head Rockwell-Ballew Auxiliary

Officers were installed at a meeting the Rockwell-Ballew Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary last night in the Courthouse.

Mrs. Joe C. Duncan, past unit president and department chairman of trophies and awards on the State board, installed the new officers as follows:

Mrs. W. W. Ballew, president, Mrs. Grace Scruggs, first vice-president; Mrs. J. B. Porter, second vice-president; Mrs. R. T. Shotwell, treasurer; Mrs. C. M. Morgan, recording secretary; Mrs. Margaret Craven, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Duncan, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Karl Cogan, historian, and Mrs. F. J. Bauman, chaplain.

Mrs. Cogan was presented with a past-president's pin by Mrs. Duncan, and was also given a wedding gift by the unit.

The name of the Kiffin Rockwell Post was changed to Rockwell-Ballew Post in honor of the new president's two sons, who were the first Asheville casualties in World War II.

Annual reports were given by:

Mrs. Edna Miller on community service; Mrs. R. E. Noland, rehabilitation; Mrs. Ballew, child welfare; and Mrs. J. L. Hall, correspondence. Mrs. Fred Bauman gave the monthly report of the volunteer service workers.

The monthly dance at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Swannanoa Division, will be held tonight, with Mrs. Stella Davis and Mrs. Hall serving as hostesses. It was announced that a graduation exercise will be held for all volunteer hospital workers September 24 at 8 p. m. in the Swannanoa Nurses Club.

Old Carrier Bridge Is Toppled

9-18-51

Old Carrier Bridge died yesterday but not gracefully.

The 65-year-old steel frame structure has been replaced by a sleek new concrete bridge a few yards distant. The old structure was considered unsafe.

Bowers Construction Company, builders of the new bridge under a contract requiring removal of the old bridge, set off a dynamite charge under the old span.

The bridge shuddered but stayed put.

Three charges later the "weak and unsafe" structure toppled into the French Broad River where it will be cut up and scrapped.

The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1951

Season's Opener In Memorial Stadium

Mighty Mites Begin Pointing For Tilt With Athens Friday

Coach Herb Coman sent his Millard-Fletcher Mighty Mites through a brisk workout today in preparation for their season's opener with Athens Junior High of Georgia Friday night in Asheville's Memorial Stadium.

The Mighty Mites worked on pass defense and devoted part of their drill to polishing their Split-T attack.

The remainder of the week will be spent primarily on signal drills, pass offense and punt formation plays.

Whether the Mighty Mites—undefeated in four years—are as good as in past years is a moot question. This year's club, lighter than those of the past, will depend mostly on a faster charge and on speed.

Tommy Fletcher, Billy Gibson, backfield members have been the bright spots thus far in Millard-Fletcher's running game, although the pass-snatching of End Jerry Wright has also been a standout feature.

Gibson and Fletcher give the Mites a top-notch one-two punch with both capable of going all the way once broken into the clear.

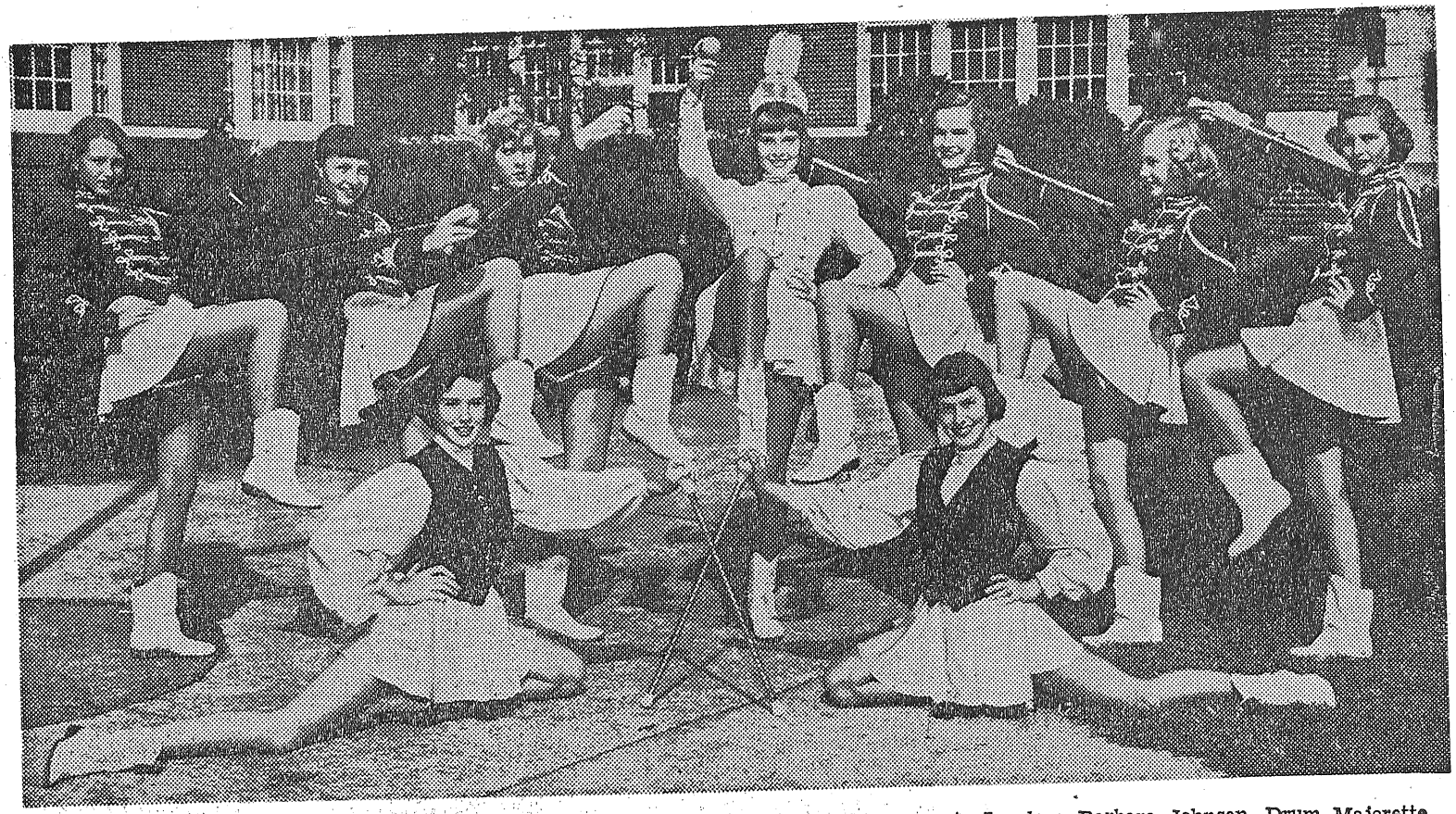
Bobby Owens, 13-year-old halfback, has also shown exceptional form as a climax runner, while Billy Fisher at quarterback is beginning to loom as a smooth-working ball handler.

The Mites starting weight will be a little under past years' teams, Coman said. The line will average up to 175 pounds but the backfield won't average over 150 pounds soaking wet, Coman continued. Weak in guards, David Graham, has been switched from an end position to guard to strengthen the center of the line.

To date, the Mites have been fortunate in the absence of injuries. Burnice Curtis, who has been out due to a knee ailment, returned to practice after several days' absence.

Only two boys from last year's team will answer the starting whistle Friday night. They are tackle Pete Watts and end Jerry Wright.

SHARING CONCERT PROCEEDS—Hall Fletcher Junior High School's band, shown here, is one of seven bands in Asheville and Buncombe County to share the net proceeds of the two concerts of the United States Navy Band in City Auditorium Friday. The other six bands are at David Millard, Lee Edwards, Valley Springs, Sand Hill, Black Mountain and Stephens-Lee High Schools.



HALL FLETCHER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MAJORETTES who will participate in exercises at football games this fall. From L to R, they are: Kneeling, Malinda Midkiff and Betty Brown; back row, Joretta Gaddy, Georgia Landers, Barbara Johnson, Drum Majorette Glenda Freeman, Joyce Bennett, Gail Snyder and Lois Smith. (Citizen Photo)

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Research

THESE MAJORETTES, TUMBLERS AND twirlers are way up front when the David Millard Junior High School goes on parade—on the downtown streets or on the football field. They performed at the Millard-Fletcher and Morristown, Tenn. game at Morristown last night. The David Millard band is one of seven sharing net proceeds of the U. S. Navy Band concerts in Asheville Friday. In the photo are, front row: Betty Henderson, tumbler; Libby Jo Ballard, Joyce Scott, and Helen Stokeley, twirlers; and Jamie Bonham, tumbler. Standing: Nancy Burrell, Barbara Jackson and Emily Hastings, majorettes; Mary Ann Dermid, drum majorette; Gloria Silverman, Sany Miller and Nene Smith, majorettes.

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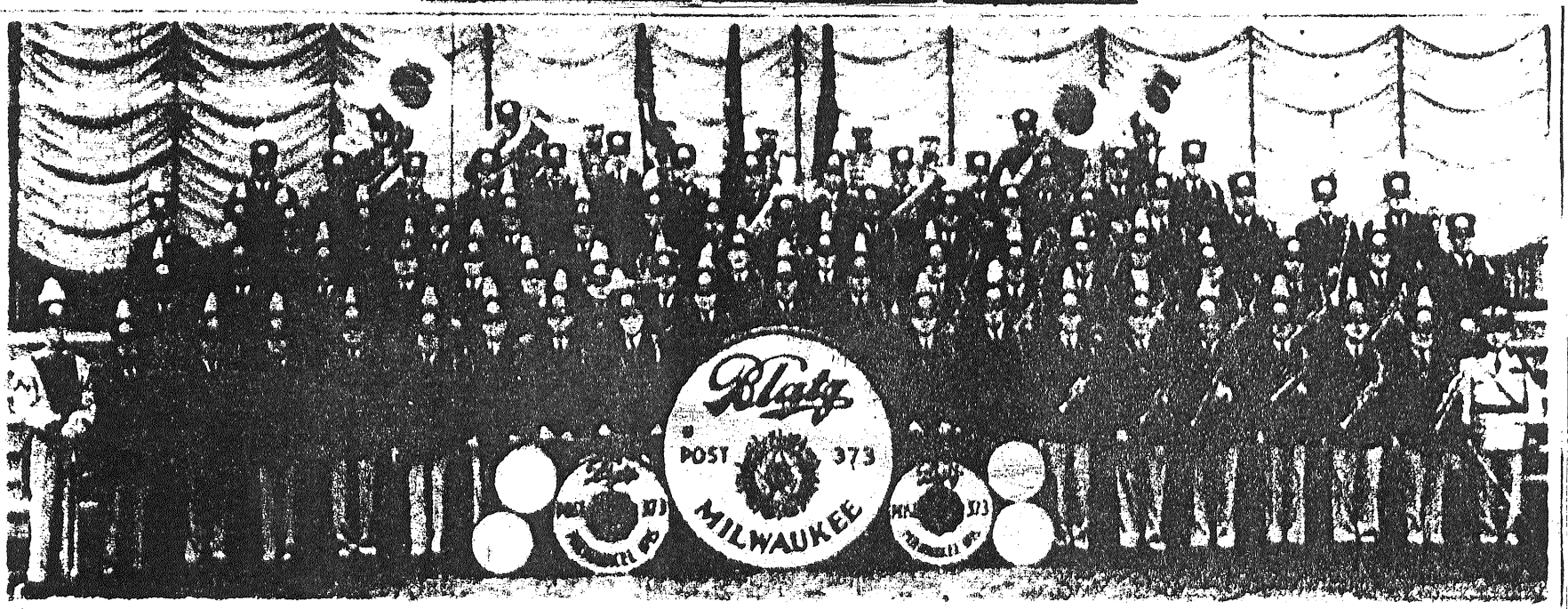
Research

The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 1951



WILL PLAY IN WEST ASHEVILLE—The famed Blatz Post American Legion Band of Milwaukee, will give a concert in front of West Asheville Memorial Post American Legion clubhouse on October 20 at 10 a. m. The concert will follow a parade from Dorchester Avenue, along Haywood Road to the Legion home. The band will be en route to the national Legion convention in Miami, and will visit the Great Smoky Mountains National Park by bus after having lunch as guests of the West Asheville post.

State Officer Will Pay Visit To Legion Post

The West Asheville Memorial American Legion Post will be honored at a meeting today at 8 p. m. for the results it has achieved in a membership drive.

State Commander Louis Parker of Elizabethtown will present the national Legion plaque to the West Asheville post for having exceeded its quota in the 1952 membership drive by the September 15 deadline.

Tonight's session will be a joint meeting of the West Asheville Post and Asheville's Rockwell-Ballew Post. Commanders of the two posts, D. B. Levi of West Asheville and Robert Praytor of Rockwell-Ballew will preside jointly.

Officials and members of Legion posts throughout Western North Carolina are expected to attend tonight's meeting.

Last week the West Asheville Legionnaires received official Department of North Carolina notice that they were the first in the State to top its quota. The post has some 400 new membership and reactivated old memberships on the books in the drive.

The West Asheville post is top favorite to win the Wiley M. Pickens Award of the State organization. This award goes to the North Carolina post showing the greatest increase in membership from the opening date of the membership drive until October 10.

Asheville Citizen October 3, 1951

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 1951

NAMING OFFICERS — Children at Aycock Elementary School are shown electing officers for the Junior Garden Club of the school. In the picture are Patsy Bates, Deanna Johnson, George Rukes, Linda Cogdill, Jerry Warren and Charles Smith.

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Emory Research

The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Tuesday, October 9, 1951

Mighty Mites Work Out For Durham Game

The Mighty Mites of Millard-Fletcher will be gunning for their third win of the season Friday night when they tangle with the Durham Junior High School team in Memorial Stadium.

The game should be a hard-fought battle from start to finish. In 1949, both teams claimed the mythical junior high school championship when they met with undefeated slates and fought to a 6-6 deadlock. Last year, however, the Mites emerged the winners by two touchdowns.

Idle last week, Coaches Herb Coman, Marvin Nockow and Joe Elben have had plenty of time to prepare the team for what may be its toughest battle of the season.

Both teams will operate from the "T" formation, the Mites from the straight "T" and the Durham team from a wider spread. Coman and his staff have worked a great deal on defense to halt the Durham boys.

Leonard Watts, defensive left end who was injured in the first first game of the season, returned to practice yesterday and will be able to play Friday night. Guard Larry Henderson is out with the flu, but may return in time for Friday's game.

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THESE COAT HANGERS WILL CONTRIBUTE indirectly to new curtains for the Hall Fletcher Junior High School auditorium. Collected by students, the proceeds for their sale will be turned over to this PTA project. This group of students of Miss Elizabeth Robinson's eighth grade won the award for collecting the largest number of the wire gadgets. Sorting the bundles of hangers are, L to R, Patricia Jarrett, Coleen Lambert, David Carter, Dale Crompton, Bobby Connor, Sherry Ann Goins, Naomi Holland, Miss Robinson, Frances Fortner and Frances Gregory. (Citizen Photo)

The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 1951

Parade And Concert Planned In West Asheville Saturday

Everyone loves a parade, and when the parade features an internationally famous musical organization it is doubly attractive.

Hundreds of Asheville residents are expected to flock to West Asheville Saturday morning to see and hear the Blatz American Legion Band of Milwaukee, Wis., in a parade and concert sponsored by the West Asheville Memorial American Legion Post.

Led by the color guard of the West Asheville Post the parade will start at 10:30 a. m. from Pinner's Drug Store and march to the West Asheville Memorial Legion Post Home. Members of the post are expected to turn out in mass to march in the parade, and a number of business firms have been invited to enter floats. At the Legion Hall a concert will be given.

The 100-piece band has won national champion awards four times and an international championship once. At the American Legion meeting now in session in Miami the band added yet another jewel to its championship crown, and placed third in a national contest.

During its 30 years of music the band has held long and hard rehearsals 50 Friday nights each year. The band is under the direction of Arno Dietze, a manufacturer's representative; business details are handled by George Stude, a field deputy for the Internal Revenue Department, and C. Guy Newman is conductor.

The band is made up of men from almost all channels of business. Examples are Al Redford from Waukesha, a small city west of Milwaukee. Redford has served for five terms as county sheriff, and today is a state assemblyman.

Fred Sperl spends most of his life in a printing shop doing everything from printer's devil to shop foreman. In the band he marches directly behind Lee Tetzlaff, who as chief mechanic in the sheriff's garage has kept the Milwaukee County sheriff's cars rolling for years.

Frank Rauch and Alex Mayr spend all their time doing what they do during the Friday band rehearsals. They are staff musicians on one of Milwaukee's major radio stations.

John Neeman, color guard, handles the lions and elephants in the city's Washington Park Zoo. John Kuhn is a sergeant on the police department.

All through the band the story is the same: a carpenter and a fireman parade side by side with a watchmaker, a barber, a sign painter and a dentist. There are tradesmen and teachers, doctors and street car operators, all united in their effort to keep up the standard of the band which has won the Wisconsin championship for 23 years.

The appearance in West Asheville on Saturday is one of 11 other appearances in cities and military installations arranged in cooperation with American Legion posts.

The band is on its way back from Miami, and will arrive in Asheville by train. The group will return to Milwaukee by bus in order that band members may make a tour of the Smoky Mountains Park to see the trees in their fall brilliance.

CITY AUDITORIUM – OCT. 27 – 8 P. M.

SWANEE RIVER BOYS

FEATURED ON

RILEY SMITH'S ALL-NIGHT SINGING

Radio and Television Stars of WLW, Cincinnati

Also Featured Will Be The Following:

CRUSADERS QUARTET
Radio and Recording Artists of WBRC, Birmingham, Ala.

STAMPS GOSPEL FOUR
Radio Artists of Birmingham, Ala.

THE MELODYAIRES
Radio Artists of WESC, Greenville, S. C.

THE HI-NEIGHBOR QUARTET
of WAIM, Anderson, S. C.

THE TONEMASTERS
of WWNC, Asheville, N. C.

ADMISSION—Adults $1.20, Children 60c, Tax Incl.

Tickets on Sale: Barefoot-Tatum, Newberry's Music Dept., Wilkins Corner, and Palace Pharmacy, West Asheville.

West Asheville Legion Post Will Sponsor 'Americanism' Rally At Memorial Stadium

A giant rally, featuring "Americanism" as its theme, will be held in Memorial Stadium November 12 at 7 p. m., sponsored by the West Asheville Memorial Legion Post, it was announced today by Hilliard Penland, general chairman.

A representative of the Department of the Army will be sent to address the rally. Mayors of all towns in Western North Carolina, as well as all city and county officials, will be invited to participate.

The Army Organized Reserve Corps here will furnish a marching and rifle unit and music will be provided by the Rockwell-Baldwin American Legion Post Band. Buncombe County Boy Scout troops will be invited to participate.

Meanwhile, it was announced by Claude DeBruhl, membership chairman, that the West Asheville Post has been awarded the "Wiley Pickens" trophy for exceeding its membership quota in the recent drive for new members. A total of 345 new members were obtained. Pickens is executive vice commander of the North Carolina department of the American Legion, and the trophy is awarded annually in his name.

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THIS PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION membership tree, traditional emblem of the national organization, is believed to be the only one used by an Asheville organization. L to R: Mrs. Virginia Nantelle; Mrs. John Zirkle, Rankin PTA president; Mrs. G. L. Taggard and Mrs. F. G. Wilson, who were charter members of the West Asheville group when it was organized in 1927. The tree appeared at the Rankin PTA's recent regular meeting for the first time in 24 years. (Citizen Photo)

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Halloween Tricksters Play Annual Pranks

Cooler weather and intermittent showers last night dampened the enthusiasm of Halloween spirits, but not much.

Just in case many merchants had coated store windows with protective films which effectively discouraged writing and art efforts.

The cold wave moving southeast from the western plains states has not yet put the freeze on this area, although it will be much cooler today. The official forecast was for occasional rain continuing today and considerably colder temperatures.

Motorists whose automobiles are left outside might do well to get anti-freeze, and home gardeners should still plan to protect plants.

Bound to get some fun out of Halloween rain or no rain, youngsters in residential areas went throughout their neighborhoods "Trick-or-treating." However, most of these seasonal elves were home safely by late dark.

Downtown streets were jammed by 8 p. m., and traffic squad police tried with good-natured resignation to keep the cars moving.

Most of the early night sidewalk paraders were young people, many costumed. City ordinances for many years have forbidden adults to be masked or disguised.

Among the very young Halloween celebrants on Haywood Street was a two-year-old "ghost," draped in white and wearing a skeleton face. Several large diaper pins held his—or her—drapery out of the way of the sturdy little feet.

Patton Avenue was also crowded with cars and strollers, and the downtown area was noisy with horns, bells and an occasional firecracker or blank.

Taking no chances, the Police Department had extra men on duty, both on foot and in patrol cars.

Shortly before 9 p. m. the State Highway Patrol reported piles of timber on Sweeten Creek Road at the railroad underpass.

Police reported that West Asheville areas were extremely rowdy, some saying that the commotion was "worse than ever."

Some of this rowdyism extended to acts of vandalism, such as throwing silver paint by a group of children on a car parked near Calvary Baptist Church.

There were neighborhood parties throughout the city. The Brucemont Circle party, the oldest such gathering, was attended by about 100 young people who enjoyed square dancing and refreshments furnished by residents. There was a similar party in Malvern Hills.

A pile of steel bars and metal porch chairs from a neighboring house were piled in the middle of Kimberly Avenue, damaging a new automobile which struck the roadblock.

Streets in Biltmore, the north section and in West Asheville were blocked off by police for the benefit of neighborhood parties or street dances. Patton Avenue was briefly blocked for the crowds of merrymakers.

The most typical Halloween accident of all occurred in the Pisgah Apartments on Patton Avenue, where a curtain caught fire from a jack-o-lantern. The fire department was called and minor damage was reported.

Thursday, November 1, 1951

With An Assist From The Weather

City's Halloween Manners On Upgrade

Rain served a double purpose on Halloween — coming to the aid of the Police and Fire Departments, as well as adding to the low water supply.

Several thousand persons, however, defied the elements and paraded downtown streets in traditional costumes. The usual din of noise-makers and explosives resounded throughout the business district.

There was only one fire, a jack-o-lantern setting a curtain on fire at Pisgah Apartments. Firemen were called and damages were reported as minor.

Police had a comparatively easy time, although additional men were on duty as a precaution. Eight drunks were escorted to the city bullpen and two persons were charged with driving intoxicated. There was one speeder and another person was charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Soaping of windows and cars was not as prevalent as in many past years, the night reports show. West Asheville seemed to have more rowdyism than other sections. Several residents called the Police Department, and one said the "carryings-on" were "worse than in years."

A mail box was torn down in West Asheville, some vandals threw silver paint on a car parked near Calvary Baptist Church, windows and several cars were marked up and there was some damage to fences, shrubbery and street lights.

Downtown streets were jammed as usual by 8 p. m. and police concentrated on keeping the mob moving. Children were dressed in costumes and masks, but a city ordinance passed several years ago prevented adults from masking or wearing any sort of disguise.

Horns, bells and occasional fireworks created continuous noise, punctuated by blasts, for a couple of hours. Intermittent showers and threatening skies did little to diminish the spirit of the evening.

A number of neighborhood parties curtailed somewhat the downtown crowds. Oldest of these annual Halloween gatherings was the Brucemont Circle Party in West Asheville. This was attended by about 100 young persons. The program consisted of square dancing and refreshments supplied by residents of the neighborhood. A similar party was held in Malvern Hills.

A number of these neighborhood parties were held in Biltmore, sections of streets being blocked off for dancing and merrymaking. Patton Avenue was blocked off briefly for the downtown Halloween party.

An automobile was damaged when it struck a pile of steel bars and metal chairs in the middle of Kimberly Avenue. The chairs had been carried from a nearby house.

The State Highway Patrol reported piles of timber at the railroads underpass on the Sweeten Creek Highway. These were discovered and removed about 9 p. m.

In comparison to many past years, police and firemen were pleased with the deportment of the evening —probably Grade B.

Halloween, Old Style

WEAVERVILLE — Halloween left a wake of broken street lights, a burned haystack and uprooted newspaper boxes here last night, according to Mayor W. W. Shope.

About 30 boxes belonging to the Asheville Citizen-Times were uprooted, damaged or stolen, according to carrier reports. About half of the boxes were recovered.

Shope said a haystack was burned on a farm outside the town limits and "several" street lights were broken.

An investigation is underway and a reward will be offered.

West Asheville Lions Club To Be Chartered

The West Asheville Lions Club, organized early last month, will be chartered formally Friday in ceremonies featuring a Ladies' Night dinner meeting in the Battery Park Hotel.

The meeting will start at 7 o'clock.

Featured speaker will be John Stickley of Charlotte, an International Lions director.

The presentation of the charter will climax a movement that was started nearly five years ago by the Asheville Lions Club.

The "discussion stage" of the organization of the new club started then.

W. E. Michael Jr., president of the new civic organization, will be in charge of the session.

Other officers are Dan W. Foster, first vice president; F. B. Fishburne, second vice president; W. F. Castee, third vice president; Jack Cole, secretary; Charles W. Chapman, Lion tamer, and Troy A. White, Tail-twister.

Representatives of Lions Clubs throughout the western section are expected to help the new club observe its charter night.

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THE WEST ASHEVILLE LIONS CLUB formally received its charter last night during the Ladies' Night dinner meeting in the Battery Park Hotel. District Governor Roy Taylor of Black Mountain (second from left) presents the charter to W. E. Micha el Jr., president of the new club. Looking on are, L to R, Wesley W. Brown, secretary of the sponsori ng Asheville club; Taylor, C. Glenn Self of the Asheville club, deputy district governor; John L. Huntsm an, Asheville club president; Michael, and International Director John L. (Jack) Stickley of Charlot te, who was principal speaker during the session. (Citizen Photo by June Glenn Jr.)

Asheville Citizen November 2, 1951

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New Officers Named By Gold Star Mothers

Members of the Buncombe County Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, Friday night observed their organization's fifth birthday in a busy meeting in the Courthouse.

They cut a cake commemorating the anniversary, inducted Mrs. Ella Moody and Mrs. Mary E. Kelly into membership, and named for 1952:

Mrs. Edna Miller, president; Mrs. C. T. Moore, first vice president; Mrs. Clyde Carscaddon, second vice president; Mrs. A. C. Choate, secretary; Mrs. Mae Nelon, treasurer; Mrs. G. W. Baldwin, chaplain; Mrs. P. H. White, sergeant-at-arms, and Mrs. Henry McFee, historian.

Mrs. Miller succeeded Mrs. McFee.

The observance of the chapter's birthday followed the business meeting.

During the social hour, music was presented by Mrs. Martha Furman and a reading was given by Mrs. Joe Ducan.

The refreshment table was covered with a beautiful white linen cloth centered with a silver bowl containing yellow crysanthemums and a large white cake bearing a raised gold star in its center.

The American Gold Star Mothers colors, gold and white, were emphasized in the decorations which graced the room for the occasion.

THE BIRTHDAY CAKE IS CUT as officers and former officers of the Buncombe County Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, observe their organization's fifth anniversary. L. to R. Mrs. J. E. Morgan, hospital chairman; Mrs. May Barksdale, past president; Mrs. Henry McFee, president; Mrs. E. C. Choate, chaplain; Mrs. W. W. Ballew, sergeant-at-arms and past president; Mrs. C. N. Carter, memorial chairman; Mrs. C. T. Moore, second vice president; Mrs. Edna Miller, first vice president; Mrs. J. B. Carscaddon, secretary; and Mrs. Mae Nelon, treasurer. (Citizen-Times Photo)

LIONS CLUB MEMBERS and their guests got a surprise yesterday when this comely blonde, Mrs. Betty Kanipe of Asheville, appeared in a costume of tobacco leaves with Morris L. McClough (left), executive director of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council. Oscar Pitts (right) auctioned off her costume, leaf by leaf, until Patrolman J. C. Hall made a pre-arranged entrance. (Citizen Photo)

Asheville Citizen November 15, 1951

Friday, November 16, 1951

100-PER-CENTERS—Teachers, lunch room attendants and janitors of Hall Fletcher Junior High School—all 27 of them—reported 100 per cent to the Red Cross Blood Center this afternoon to donate blood for Americans fighting in Korea. Meanwhile, the some 500 students at the school, impressed by their teachers' response to the nation-wide appeal for blood went home for the afternoon to sell their parents and friends on the idea of making a contribution. Shown registering with Mrs. Horace G. Posey are, from left to right, Marvin Nockow, Mrs. Frances Brown, Mrs. Clara Silvey, Miss Jean Brown, Miss Betty Robinson and Mrs. Sylvia Airheart.

Bruce Emory
Research

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL A. HAMPTON

S. A. Hamptons To Observe Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Hampton of 92 Vandalia Avenue, West Asheville, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with open house Friday from 4 p. m. to 8 p. m.

No formal invitations have been issued, and all friends of the family are invited to call.

Mrs. Hampton is the ormer Miss Cordelia Bryson of Asheville. Mr. Hampton is a former Southern Railway employee, having retired after 37 years of service.

The sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hampton will be present for the anniversary. They include Mrs. Alan Owens of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. H. W. Webster of Greensboro, Samuel A. Hampton Jr. of Portsmouth, Va., and J. Wilkinson Hampton of Norfolk, Va.

Asheville Citizen November 18, 1951

A PORTRAIT OF THE LATE DR. THOMAS C. SMITH, charter member and first secretary of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, was presented to the Institute of Pharmacy of the University of North Carolina yesterday. Among participants in the presentation were L to R Joseph Paul Gamble, president of the State Pharmaceutical Association; homas J. Ham Jr., chairman of the institute's building committee; Mrs. David T. Simmons, Dr. Smith's daughter, who presented the portrait, and Frank S. Smith III, his great-grandson. Dr. Smith was a member of the State Board of Pharmacy from 1887 to 1892 and founder of the drug company here which bears his name. (Citizen-Times Photo)

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The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Wednesday, Nov. 21, 1931

West Asheville Merchants Sponsor Yule Decorations

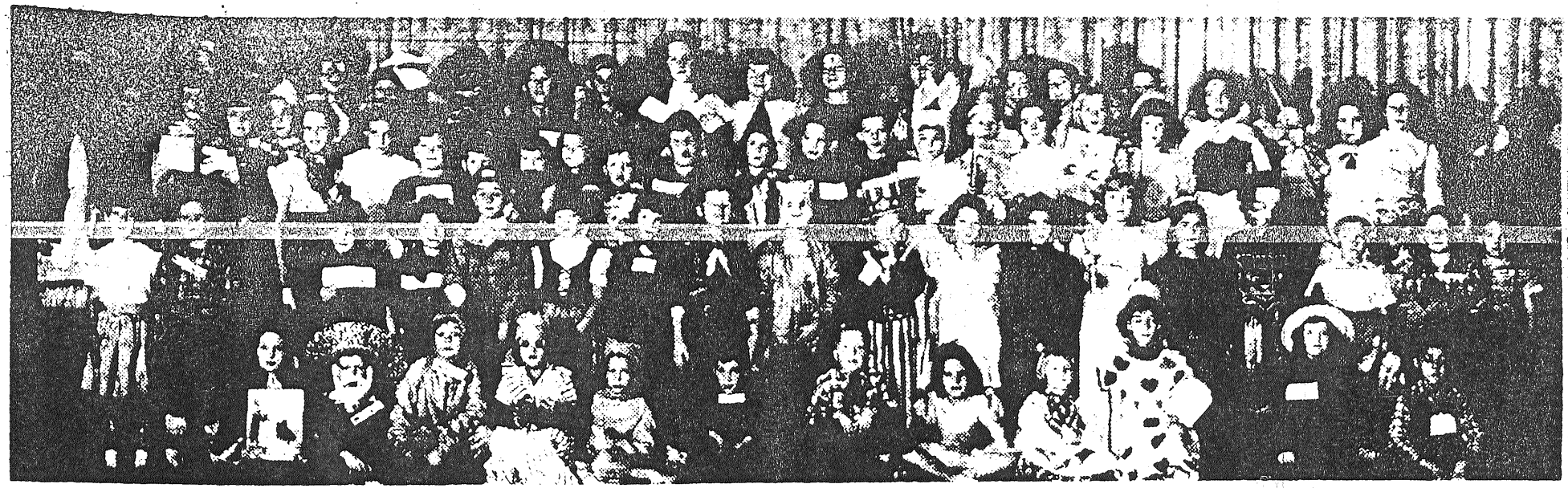
A hundred dollars in prizes will be given by the West Asheville Business Association for the best West Asheville residential Christmas decoration.

Anyone living west of the French Broad River and within the City limits may enter the contest. Decorations will be considered and judged from the outside appearance, which may include shrubbery, trees, door and window lighting of the home. A committee of non-West Asheville residents will be selected by the West Asheville Business Association to judge the entries.

Entry blanks may be obtained from West Asheville firms that are members of the association and must be turned into a member of the association and later than De-

cember 18. Winners will be notified by mail within five days after judging.

The first prize is $50, the second prize $30, and the third prize is $20. Attractiveness, originality and arrangement of color and lighting in keeping with the Christmas spirit are points to be considered in awarding prizes. There is no entry fee.



STORY BOOK CHARACTERS—An all-day party was held yesterday in Eugene Rankin Elementary School for students from Rankin, Aycock and Vance Elementary Schools. Here pupils are shown dressed as story book characters. An exhibit of children's books was on view and teachers chose new books for the school libraries.

Asheville November 21, 1951

Bruce Emory
Research

Miss Gilliam Wins 4-H Club National Award

Sand Hill Girl To Receive Scholarship

CHICAGO, Ill. Nov. 27.—Miss Jimmie Margaret Gilliam, 16-year-old Sand Hill High School senior from West Asheville, was named today as the winner of the 1951 National 4-H Club Farm and Home Electric Contest.

The announcement was made Tuesday during the National 4-H Club Congress here.

Miss Gilliam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Gilliam of Oak View Road and president of the Sand Hill Senior 4-H Club, will receive a $300 scholarship.

The young electrical expert is attending the Congress because she won the North Carolina 4-H Farm and Home Electric Contest.

To gain national honors she had to top a field of all the rest of the state champions from throughout the nation.

Miss Gilliam, who is completing a standard four-year high school course in three years, started on her road to the national title by winning the Carolina Power and Light Company district competition in 1950. This district covers all the state's counties which the company serves.

Her award was based on the general all-around use she made of electricity in her home and her father's farm.

Her performance in the state competition had won her a $100 scholarship before she went to Chicago last Friday morning.

G. Burwell Smith, CPDL agricultural agent, said her outstanding work in her year-long program was her conversion of the family laundering corner from a laborious old-fashioned operation into one that was fast and efficient.

She eliminated the job of carrying water to the laundry tubs by hand by installing pipes for running water. She revised the drop-cord lighting system into modern electrical illumination, and whitewashed the walls of the corner to add brightness.

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COLE ATKINS WEDDLE JUDD FOSTER

LAWRENCE YOUNG ROBERTS

OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN—West Asheville Business Men's Association elected officers at a dinner meeting in the Masonic Temple last night. John L. Lawrence, grocer, was named president, Dan Foster, vice president, Jack Cole, secretary-treasurer, and Arlene Young, associate secretary-treasurer. Entertainment included vocal selections by Carrie Ann Kirkpatrick, with her sister, Rita J. Shieder as accompanist, a motion picture on "The Newspaper" shown by Gaston Dalton and a brief discussion of the film and operations of The Citizen-Times by John E. Jones, promotion director. In the photo are, Lawrence, Mrs. Young and E. B. Roberts, retiring president; Cole, Harry Atkins, A. C. Weddle and Dan Judd, directors, and Foster. Directors John B. May and C. W. Chapman were not present for the photograph.

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Jan. 6, 1952

OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED at a meeting of the Buncombe County Chapter of Gold Star Mothers Friday night in the courthouse. Left to right are Mrs. H C. White, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Mae Nelon, treasurer; Mrs. Henry McFee, installing officer; Mrs. Edna Miller, incoming president; Mrs. C. T. Moore, first vice president; Mrs. Clyde Carscaddon, second vice president, and Mrs. A. C. Choate, secretary.

Asheville Citizen January 6, 1952

MEMBERS OF THE WEST ASHEVILLE BRANCH YMCA filled posts in the organization's committee of management during a recent election conducted by mail. Two of the committeemen named are shown here. At left is Beaman L. Pinner and, right, Ben L. Jarrett. Also elected to the committee were Bob Nahikian and Clyde Roberts, who were unable to be present for this picture. (Citizen Photo)

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE N. C.
Thursday, January 31, 1952

West Asheville Post To Aid In Blood Donor Program

Members of the West Asheville Memorial American Legion Post and its auxiliary are working this week in preparation for next Wednesday's visit of the Bloodmobile to the community. The goal is a minimum 150 pints of blood.

The donor room will be set up in the Post's headquarters at 851 Haywood Road and will be open from 2 p. m. till 8 p. m.

Cooperating in the campaign are the West Asheville Lions Club, West Asheville Businessmen's Aschurches and other organizations of the community.

In efforts to obtain as many donors as possible, West Asheville Legion Auxiliary members will serve as baby sitters for mothers who want to make donations in the program.

Two members f the Auxiliary will ride in each car the Legion Post will send out for transporting the volunteers to the Post.

The women will fill in at the homes where the volunteers are mothers during the time the mothers are away giving blood.

Beaman Pinner is blood campaign chairman for the Legion Post and Mrs. R. A. Daniels is chairman for the Auxiliary's blood program campaign.

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The West Asheville Memorial American Legion Post is asking people to toss scrap metal on its lawn.

The request is part of the post's scrap metal drive which is designated to help defray costs of the State Legion's program for rehabilitation of veterans.

The metal will be sold and the funds from the sales will be sent to State Legion headquarters in Raleigh.

The Legionnaries, in their campaign which will run through the place to pick up scrap if the donor phones 4-9126 or 4-9209.

Scrap aluminum, cast iron or steel is being sought in the campaign whichwill run through the rest of this month, February and March.

The Post is asking for any stray pieces of scrap metal people may have around their homes.

Calvin Marshall is chairman of the campaign.

Imperial Life Enjoys Remarkable Growth

Third Oldest Firm Of Kind In This State

Story Of Asheville Business Dates Back To 1905

By ROBERT F. CAMPBELL

A news story on an inside page of The Asheville Citizen for October 27, 1905, announced the "formal organization" of a new firm to be known as the Imperial Mutual Life and Health Insurance Company.

The new company, the announcement said, "is modeled after other "industrial" insurance companies, which do a large business here."

This little company, founded by five men who managed to raise $5,000 and sell the 300 policies required for formation of an insurance company, has developed into the Imperial Life Insurance Company of North Carolina.

Asheville's only home-grown life insurance company, Imperial today has assets totaling $21,000,000 and life insurance in force amounting to $121,000,000. Measured by any standard, the 46-year-old company has been immensely successful.

The story of Imperial begins some months before the formal organization of the company on October 26, 1905.

The idea of starting a new company originated with J. N. Jarrett, 25 years old at the time, who had failed to get a promotion he thought he deserved from another life insurance company.

Jarrett resolved to start out on his own and presented his plan to three other men with experience in the life insurance business—W. B. Starnes, a former agent for the Industrial Life Insurance Company of Georgia; J. P. Starnes (an uncle of W. B.), who had been with the Sun Life Insurance Company of Canada, and A. W. Ek, former Asheville agency manager for the Life Insurance Company of Virginia who had been transferred to Wheeling, W. Va.

The plan interested Gay Green to the extent that he agreed to join the four as sponsors of the new company. Green, then a 35-year-old furniture store owner whose fortune in later years was to amount to millions, was named president of the company.

With the decision to form the new company behind them, the five then turned to selection of a name. The story is told that Green looked down at his desk in Green Brothers Furniture Store (on the present site of M. V. Moore and Company) and happened to see an invoice from the Imperial Furniture Company.

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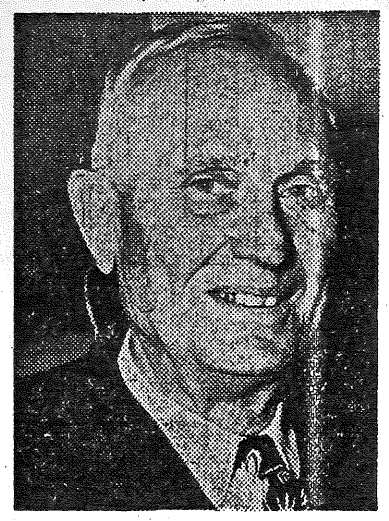

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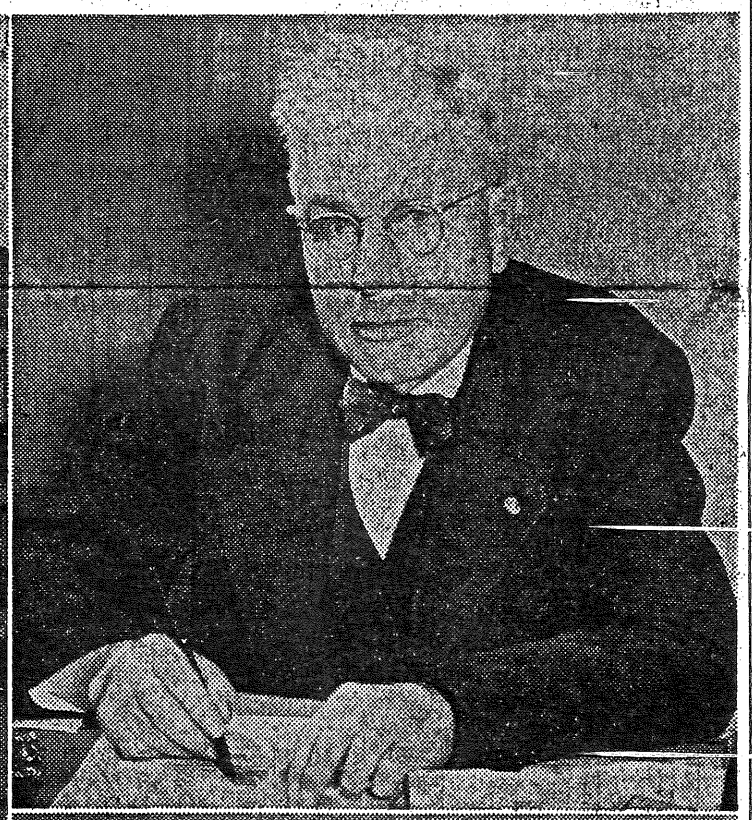

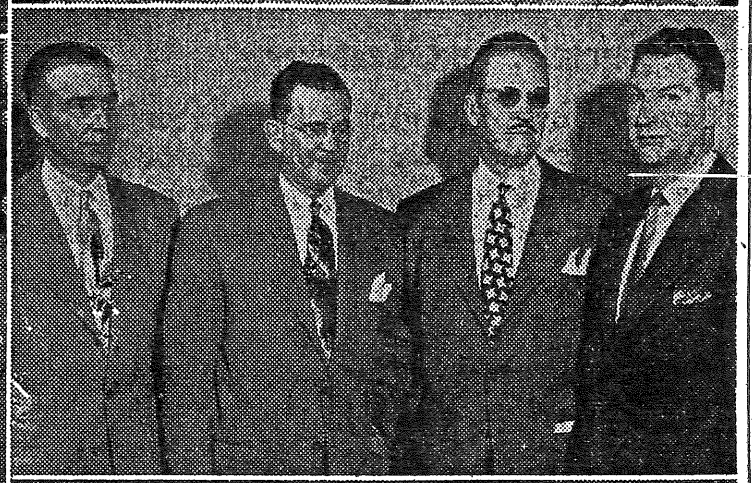

FROM A MODEST BEGINNING in 1905, the Imperial Life Insurance Company has

Green picked up the invoice, looked at it for a moment, and then said slowly: "How about calling it the Imperial Mutual Life and Health Insurance Company?" That suggestion hit a responsive chord and the name was immediately agreed on.

Then the question of drawing a charter arose. The group decided to retain the services of a young lawyer named Charles A. Webb, who many years later was to become president of the Asheville Citizen-Times Company.

The charter, drawn by Webb, was issued by the Secretary of State on October 14, 1905. Listed as incorporators, in addition to the five founders and Webb, were William B. Williamson, W. A. Boyce, W. W. Rollins and Wiley B Brown.

Like most other life insurance companies of that day, Imperial was a mutual company—owned by the policyholders.

It offered only one type of insurance—a sick benefit policy. For five cents a week a policyholder got a policy that paid him $1 a week in the event of sickness and his heirs a $15 death benefit. Women could take out policies costing a maximum of 25 cents a week and men could pay as much as 35 cents a week.

Imperial set up its first office on Pack Square, Among the first employes hired by the new company were Jasper Warlick, an office clerk, and C. R. Perry, an agent. Those two men are still with the company—Warlick as secretary and Perry as auditor.

The life insurance business in those days was a rough, tough game, Warlick recalls. There were few laws regulating the operation of life insurance companies, and new hoiks were barred in the competition for sales.

Life insurance had proved to be tremendously profitable—at least on a national scale. About the time that Imperial was chartered, a committee was formed by the New York Legislature to look into the business of the big insurance companies that had grown up in that state.

The investigation, headed by Charles Evans Hughes, later chief justice of the United States, led to the enactment of stricter insurance laws, not only in New York but throughout the nation.

The founders weren't satisfied with selling insurance in Asheville but fanned out to other cities in the state. Ek went to Greensboro to establish an agency, then to Wilmington. Jarrett went to Winston-Salem and later to Greensboro. W. B. Starnes went to Charlotte and J. P. Starnes stayed in Asheville.

The depression of 1907 complicated matters for the infant company and the future looked anything but bright. But finally by 1910 and 1911 the nation had pulled out of the depression and Imperial's officers at last were beginning to see light.

A few years later a straight life policy was added to the sick benefit policy offered by the company. Even then, though, the firm confined its business to the weekly payment industrial policies.

developed into one of North Carolina's largest companies of its kind. **Top,** Imperial's five founders, all now deceased, were A. W. Ek, Gay Green, J. N. Jarrett, J. P. Starnes and W. B. Starnes. **Second row left,** the home office of the company erected in 1925 at the intersection of College Street and Rankin Avenue. **Second row right,** O. E. Starnes, named president of the company following the death of Green last year. **Third row left,** a group of officers composed of (L to R) William P. Hodges, vice president; Charles E. Starnes, treasurer; Walter J. Mays, actuary; L. T. New, Hilliard Green and John M. Ehle, all vice presidents; **third row right,** directors W. H. Starnes, also a vice president; K. W. Partin; Jasper Warlick, also secretary, and Earl Messer, agency secretary. O. E. Starnes is also a director. Partin is the new chairman of the board. **Bottom right,** the only two liv persons who have been with the firm since its founding are C. R. Perry (left), auditor, and Warlick. (Citizen-Times Photos)

Another crisis came during the influenza epidemic of 1917 and 1918 when sickness and death claims threatened to wipe out the reserve that had been built up, but Imperial was able to meet its obligations.

Meanwhile, J. P. Starnes had died in 1914 and W. B. Starnes had returned to Asheville from Charlotte to assume his uncle's the home office.

The third decade of the 20th century marked a turning point for Imperial. In 1920 the directors decided to abandon the mutual plan of organization and formed instead a stock company with a paid in capital of $50,000.

The stock was divided five ways—among the four surviving founders and O. E. Starnes, son of J. P. Starnes and a member of the firm since 1908 when he began work as an agent.

The name was changed from the Imperial Mutual Life and Health Insurance Company to the Imperial Life Insurance Company of North Carolina. At that time, the home office was on the second floor of the building on Patton Avenue now occupied by Montgomery Ward and Company. It had moved from the original office on Pack Square to the Technical Building on College Street and then to offices over the old Woolworth store.

In 1923 Imperial branched out into the business of selling ordinary life insurance policies. These usually are issued in larger amounts than industrial policies and premiums are paid quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Ek returned to Asheville from Wilmington at that time to take charge of the ordinary department.

An indication of the growth of the company during its first 18 years can be seen in the fact that in 1923 assets amounted to $286,562 and insurance in force totaled $6,131,135.

About that time Imperial began to outgrow its office space. Business was good and the officers made plans for construction of the Imperial Life Insurance building on the north side of College Street at the intersection of Rankin Avenue.

This building, containing some 17,000 square feet of space in three floors and a basement, was completed in 1925. It has served ever since as the home office of the company.

Imperial continued to grow steadily through the 1920s until by 1930 assets had reached $1,195,359 and insurance in force amounted to $11,474,968.

In 1931, W. B. Starnes died and his place as treasurer was taken by Warlick.

The 1930s also brought another financial crisis as Asheville and Buncombe County received a staggering blow in the form of virtual financial collapse. But unlike many banks and other financial institutions in the area, Imperial weathered the storm.

The story is told of a pair of policyholders who came to Imperial's offices demanding the cash values upon their policies.

They were informed that the company was in a position to make prompt payment. The men hesitated for a moment and told the treasurer they didn't really need the money and as long as the company had it available they didn't want it.

The year 1941 brought the death of J. N. Jarrett and the appointment of O. E. Starnes to the newly-created job of executive vice president. Two years later Ek died.

In June of 1951 Imperial lost the last of its five founders, Gay Green, who had been president of the company for 46 years. This was a longer period than any other person at that time had served as president of a life insurance company.

O. E. Starnes was elected to the presidency the following month. After starting as an agent in 1908, Starnes had been successively superintendent, district manager, field supervisor, manager of the industrial department, manager of the mortgage loan and investment departments and executive vice president.

The expansion of Imperial from 1923 to the present is indicated in considerable measure by a comparison of life insurance in force.

From 1923 to 1930 this figure almost doubled, reaching $11,400,000. By the end of another 10 years in 1940, a 150 per cent gain had been reordered to reach $27,200,000.

In 1945 it amounted to $54,500,000 and at the end of 1951 to $121,000,000.

These years also had been good ones for the stockholders. The company's capitalization had increased from $50,000 in 1920 to $100,000 in 1924, $200,000 in 1936 and $600,000 in 1948. With only a few exceptions, annual dividends have been paid since the formation of the stock company.

Executive responsibilities in the company have been assumed by new men as the founders died.

L. T. New started with Imperial as a debit man in Wilmington in 1916, moved some years later to the home office and became vice president in 1949.

William H. Starnes, son of co-founder W. B. Starnes, started with Imperial as an agent in 1926. He was promoted to assistant advertising manager in 1929, manager of the printing department in 1940, named to the board of directors in 1945 and elected a vice president in 1950.

John M. Ehle, a West Virginian who attended Bingham Military School here, became an agent in 1927 and worked up to manager of the ordinary department. He has been a vice president since 1949.

Hilliard Green, a second cousin of Gay Green, became a clerk in 1935. He has been a vice president since 1948 and is a loan consultant in the mortgage loan department.

William P. Hodges, North Carolina insurance commissioner from 1942 to 1949, has been vice president and general manager since October, 1950

Charles E. Starnes, a brother of O. E. Starnes, joined the company as a clerk in 1934. He has been treasurer since 1948.

Newest arrival among the officers is Walter J. Mays who came from the Liberty Life Insurance Company of Greenville, S. C., a become actuary in November, 1951.

The control of the company still remains in the hands of descendants or relatives of the founders.

The principal owners of the 6,000 shares of stock now outstanding are the Gay Green estate, Earl E. Messer (a nephew of Jarrett), O. E. Starnes, Mrs. A. W. Ek and the children of W. B. Starnes.

Directors, elected at the annual stockholders' meeting last Thursday, are O. E. Starnes, Warlick, William H. Starnes, K. W. Partin and Messer. The first four were reelected and Messer was named to fill the directorship made vacant by Green's death.

Imperial today is North Carolina's third oldest life insurance company and among the four or five largest. It operates only within the state.

Its business is confined entirely to life and accident insurance. The company offers eight industrial policies, two accident policies and some 25 ordinary policies. About two-thirds of its business is industrial and one-third consists of ordinary policies.

Since its organization, Imperial has paid out to policyholders and beneficiaries more than $11,300,000. Such payments are normally made within 24 hours after receipt of necessary papers in the home office.

The total payroll last year was $1,613,000 in salaries and commissions to its approximately 500 employes.

Included in the group of em-

ployes are some 300 agents under the supervision of 65 associate managers and 22 district managers, five special agents, four field supervisors, 34 office cashiers and a home office staff of 64 persons.

Employes are protected by an annuity plan, along with sickness, disability and life insurance benefits.

The story of Imperial Life Insurance Company is a story of investments as well as of life insurance more

The money paid in by policyholders is invested in U. S. bonds, and, to a considerable extent, in bonds of North Carolina municipal and county units, as well as in mortgage loans. Some approved stocks and bonds of corporations are also held by the company.

Its mortgage loan department has made some 10,000 loans on residential and business property in the state, about 3,000 of which are outstanding now.

President Starnes is proud of the company's record in avoiding foreclosure on any mortgages withing the past five years.

"In every instance," he said, "we've been able to work out some solution so that borrowers could retain their property."

Imperial so far hasn't acquired real estate for investment purposes, although many of the nation's largest companies have gone into that field. The only piece of real estate owned by Imperial is its home office property.

Imperial is currently one of 220 out of 400 companies in the United States recommended in Best's Chart of Recommended Life Insurance Companies. Dunne's Insurance Reports, a policyholders reporting service, gives Imperial a policyholders' rating of A plus excellent.

Imperial's punch-card accounting is handled on business machines in the home office. Another home-office department does about 90 per cent of the printing required by the company.

A weekly field publication, "The Imperial Indicator," has been issued regularly since 1926. Edited by Ehle since 1930, the publication has won regional and national awards.

The emblem design used on Imperial policies is based on a mountain scene high lighting Mount Pisgah taken from the grounds of Asheville School. The slogan over the scene, in keeping with the location of the company's home office, is "Solid as the Mountains."

With an eye on the future, Imperial officials have plans for expanding both the home office space and the territory in which the company operates.

President Starnes won't mention a date, but he acknowledges that Imperial wants to invade other states before too long.

And it's obvious that the company has outgrown its 27-year-old home office building. Within the past few months space in the Scenic Building has been leased to provide room for a new training division headed by Messer as agency secretary.

The establishment of this training program is evidence of an aggressive sales program, designed to increase insurance in force each year.

Distinguished Physicians Have Practiced In City

By George W. McCoy

One of the historical treasures in the annals of medicine in Buncombe County is a 28-page brochure by Gaillard S. Tennent, M. D., of Asheville. It is entitled, "Medicine in Buncombe County Down to 1885; Historical and Biographical Sketches."

Dr. Tennent, still vigorous and actively engaged in practice here, read the paper before the Buncombe County Medical Society on November 20, 1905, and it was printed in the Charlotte Medical Journal in May, 1906. It was then reprinted in pamphlet form.

Persons interested in the history of medicine in Asheville and Buncombe are indebted to Dr. Tennent for his early recognition of the need to record the information.

After a discussion of pioneer conditions, Dr. Tennent states that "the only man known to have engaged in the art of healing" in the very earliest days of Buncombe County was George Swain, father of David Lowry Swain, who became governor of North Carolina and president of the state university.

It appears that the elder Swain "added the calling of doctor" to his other occupations of postmaster and hat making. He came to Buncombe from Georgia in 1796.

The first professionally trained physician in Buncombe was Robert B. Vance, whose name is prominent in the history of this county because of the duel he fought with a political opponent.

Vance was born in 1793 in Reems Creek Valley, the son of David Vance. "He was the first native of Buncombe County to adopt the practice of medicine."

Dr. Vance studied in the medical school of Dr. Charles Harris in Cabarrus County and in 1818 opened an office in Asheville, practicing until 1821 when he decided he preferred politics. He retired from practice after winning a $5,000 lottery prize. He also owned property left to him by his father.

Dr. Vance was elected to Congress, succeeding Felix Walker, who won fame (or notoriety) as the man who spoke for Buncombe and put that word in the dictionary as a synonym for idle talk.

He served in the lower house from 1823 to 1825, but was defeated in 1825 by Samuel P. Carson and again in 1827 by the same man.

The colorful career of Dr. Vance was ended when he fell mortally wounded in a duel with Carson at Saluda Gap in the fall of 1827.

After Dr. Vance's retirement from practice, the next man to practice here appears to have been Dr. George D. Phillips, who came to Asheville in the early 1820s, himself a seeker of better health.

Born in Amherst County, Virginia, Dr. Phillips was educated at William and Mary and graduated in medicine at Jefferson in Philadelphia. He practiced in Newberry and Union, S. C., before coming to Asheville. In 1823 he was married to Elizabeth, daughter of James Patton of Buncombe County.

In 1830 Dr. Phillips bought property on Cane Creek where he lived and practiced six or seven years before moving to Habersham, Ga., where he became prominent in public life. He died at the age of 80.

Next in order in Dr. Tennent's list of early medical men was Dr. J. F. E. Hardy, who came to Asheville in 1821 and became the acknowledged leader of the profession in Western North Carolina. (This column plans to give detailed information concerning Dr. Hardy in a forthcoming issue.)

A contemporary of Dr. Phillips and Dr. Hardy was Dr. John Dickson, who was born in Charleston, S. C., in 1795 and graduated from Yale in 1814. He studied both medicine and divinity. He came here for his health about the year 1832.

In 1836 Dr. Dickson built a house at the junction of the present Biltmore Avenue and St. Dunstan's Road where he lived and conducted a school for young ladies, later moving to a brick building on the site of the present Wachovia Bank Building at the corner of Patton Avenue and Church Street.

From 1843 to 1845, Dr. Dickson served as stated supply of the First Presbyterian Church here. He is also remembered for the assistance he gave Elizabeth Blackwell who began her medical studies under his instruction.

Miss Blackwell was the first woman to be admitted to the medical profession in the United States. She received her M. D. degree in 1849 from a medical school in Geneva, N. Y.

In the history of Buncombe County medicine, it is interesting to remember that the first woman physician in the United States began her medical studies in this city under the instruction of an Asheville physician.

A native of Bristol, England, Miss Blackwell came to Asheville from Cincinnati, Ohio, and taught music in Dr. Dickson's school.

Dr. Dickson died in 1847. He "rests beneath the annex" of the First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Tennant records that from the 1830s "two more names come down to us, Dr. Milton, who practiced in the Hominy Valley, moving from there to Georgia about 1832, and Dr. Osborne from Haywood County, who practiced in Asheville for a short time."

About this time, Dr. Tennent said in his paper, two distinguished names were connected with Asheville: Dr. S. H. Dickson and Dr. Eli Geddings, both of Charleston and who spent many summers here.

Dr. S. H Dickson, a brother of Dr. John Dickson, was one of the foremost practitioners of his day. It was through his influence, activated by Dr. John Dickson, that Elizabeth Blackwell was admitted to the medical school in Geneva, N. Y.

Dr. S. H. Dickson built a home on Swannanoa Hill, and later, Forrest Hill, where he entertained lavishly.

Dr. Eli Geddings was in the first class graduating from the medical college of South Carolina and later taught there.

About 1841, Dr. Thomas C. Lester of South Carolina came here and opened an office on South Main Street (now Biltmore Avenue) "opposite the head of Eagle Street." Before his death in 1854,

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he had built up an extensive practice.

Dr. Barnard Weaver, son of James Weaver of Reems Creek, practiced in North Buncombe in the 1840s. About 1858 he went to Missouri where a few years later he met a violent death. "He had sold some stock and was murdered for the money."

Dr. Morgan Lines Neilson, who was born in East Tennessee in 1822 and educated at Tusculum College, came to Asheville in 1839. He attended lectures at Transylvania University and in 1844 he was married to Laura Vance, sister of Zebulon B. Vance and began practice here.

Dr. Neilson, said Dr. Tennent, "was a plain and unassuming man of the highest ideals, always exhibiting that large sympathy so endearing in the family physician, of which he was the perfect type." During the Civil War, he served as a surgeon with the 14th N. C. Infantry. He died in 1894.

Dr. David J. Gibson came here in the 1840s from Tennessee. He married Miss Harriet Johnston, daughter of William Johnston, and after a few years moved to Jonesboro, Tenn.

Dr. Charles N. Chandler, who came to Asheville before 1850 from Madison County, had an office on the northwest corner of the Square. He practiced several years before going West. After the Civil War, he returned to Buncombe and practiced at Leicester upwards of 15 years.

During the 1950's, Dr. Tennent pointed out a number of able young doctors came here, including Dr. William Lewis Hilliard, who was born in 1823 in Hall County, Georgia, and reared in Spartanburg where he began his medical studies. About 1845 he was in Asheville, studying with Dr. Lester. He also studied in New York and graduated in 1850 from the Philadelphia Medical College. He then became a partner of Dr. Lester.

Dr. Hilliard became the second Buncombe physician to take part in a duel. He and an editor, John Hyman, fougnt at Saluda Gap, but no serious damage resulted. The duel followed a political disagreement.

Dr. Hilliard, in 1854, was married to Margaret Love, daughter of James R. Love of Haywood County. For more than 40 years he was untiring in his efforts to relieve the sick and suffering, being considered "a perfect type of that masterpiece evolved by nineteenth century conditions and culture, the family physician. . .". He served with distinction as a surgeon in the Confederate army. He died in 1890.

Another physician of this period was Dr. J. S. T. Baird, a grandson of Bedent Baird, a Buncombe pioneer, Dr. Baird was born on Beaverdam in 1831, studied in Charleston and graduated at Jefferson in 1851. He practiced here for a few years and then moved to Tennessee. After a short time, he returned and settled on Beaverdam, practicing until 1887.

J. Geddings Hardy followed his father, Dr. J. F. E. Hardy in the practice of medicine here. Born in Asheville in 1829, he studied in Charleston, graduating in 1851. After practicing in Asheville a short time, he moved to the Georgia seaboard where he married. During the Civil War, he was assistant surgeon in the Bethel N. C. Regiment. After the war, he returned to Asheville and continued in the practice of medicine until a short time before his death in 1885. He was an able man and had his father's faculty for making friends. A side interest of his was a series of meteorological observations.

Another man who gained prominence as a physician was Dr. James Mitchell Stevens, who was born on Swannanoa in 1827. He studied medicine in Asheville and in Charleston, beginning practice here in 1853. In 1859, he removed to Leicester. During the Civil War he served first as a captain and then in the surgical service of the 60th N. C. Regiment. For many years he served faithfully and well in his profession.

Dr. John Daniel Reynolds was born at the old Reynolds home on Sulphur Springs Road in 1832. He graduated in medicine at Nashville in 1854 and in the same year was married to Theresa E. Sheppard of Yancey. He settled in Asheville to practice. During the Civil War he served in a surgical capacity in the 29th N. C. Regiment, and resumed his regular practice after the war. He died in 1874. He was the father of Dr. Carl V. Reynolds.

A physician whose Henderson County practice also covered a large portion of southern Buncombe County was Dr. George W. Fletcher, who was born at the old Fletcher place in the Cane Creek section in 1829. He graduated in medicine in 1855 and began practice, continuing until his death in 1901.

Dr. Fletcher, said Dr. Tennent, "was a man of strong personality and opinion, of rugged strength, yet withal of broad sympathy." A son, Dr. M. H. Fletcher, also became a physician.

Dr. James Americus Reagan was born in Bradley County, Tennessee, in 1824, and moved to Weaverville in 1851, being then a Methodist circuit rider. He graduated in medicine at Shelby in 1859 and added medical practice to his service to the church. His practice extended into parts of Madison and Yancey Counties.

Dr. Reagan married Miss Mary Weaver, a member of a family with wide coonections in the county. In 1884 he was appointed to the State Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. George H. Thrash, born in the Turkey Creek section in 1834, studied at the National Medical College in Washington. In 1859 he entered upon a long career in Hominy Valley. He was a surgeon in the militia during the Civil War.

Another physician who practiced here in the 1850s was Dr. J. L. Crumley, who came in 1852 and practiced two or three years before going elsewhere.

A Dr. Foreman moved into Hominy Valley from Transylvania County and during the Civil War moved to Haywood County.

Dr. Daniel F. Summey, a native of Lincoln County, began practice here in 1860. He graduated in medicine at the University of the City of New York During the Civil War, he served in the quartermaster department under Col. Stephen D. Lee. After the war he practiced in Asheville until 1885 and then moved to Leicester.

Another physician of this period was Dr. Joseph McDowell, a brother of Major W. W. McDowell of Asheville. During the Civil War he rose to the rank of colonel.

Other Buncombe physicians who were connected with military service were Dr. R. W. Cooper and Dr. David M Gudger.

Dr. Cooper was on the surgical staff of the 60th N. C. Regiment. For many years he practiced in the Fairview section.

Dr. Gudger saw military service before he studied medicine. He served in the 14th N. C. Regiment, was wounded, and later was in the quartermaster department. In 1868 he graduated in medicine at the University of Philadelphia. He was born at the old Gudger place in Lower Hominy Valley.

Dr. E. P. Holt of Alamance County came here in 1865 and practiced for a year or two with Dr. Summey. Dr. Boyd of Meck-

lenburg also practiced here in 1865.

Another physician of prominence was Dr. Daniel J. Cain of Charleston who came to Asheville to make his home. Scholarly, he "was a man of the highest professional attainments" and had "the courtly manners of the old school".

Born in St. John's Berkeley, S. C., Dr. Cain graduated at South Carolina College and in medicine at Charleston. Then he studied two or three years in Paris. He practiced for some years in Charleston before coming here. Soon after coming to Asheville he opened a sanitarium at Swannanoa Hill, operating it for two years.

Dr. Tennent said that in 1886 Dr. Cain received a fee of $6,000 for a visit to Europe, "the largest single fee, so far as known, ever received by a physician in this county up to that time." Dr. Cain died in 1888.

Dr. Tennent's father, Charles Tennent, was also a physician. The elder Tennent was born in Charleston, graduated at Amherst and in medicine at Charleston. In 1855 he built Edgehill and made it his summer home occasionally until 1868 when he moved to Asheville. In 1870 he moved to Lower Hominy Valley where he practiced until his death in 1881.

Dr. Tennent records that the first homeopath to make his home here was Dr. Charles Cliff, who came from Indianapolis in 1869 and settled at Swannanoa.

Dr. I. A. Harris moved to North Buncombe about this time. He studied at Philadelphia.

Dr. Gabriel F. O'Brian of Cincinnati was also a homeopath. He came here for his health in 1871 and engaged in practice before his death a few years later.

After two years' practice in Mitchell County Dr. H. B. Weaver settled at Weaverville in 1874. Born in Weaverville in 1851, he graduated in medicine at Washington University, Baltimore, in 1872. His honors included the presidency of the State Medical Society. His practice in Asheville began in 1886.

Names of other physicians mentioned by Dr. Tennent in this period were:

Dr. Percy Norcop, who was here for a year or two in the early 1880s; Dr. R. I. Wilson, of the Swannanoa section; Dr. William D. Hilliard, who graduated at Jefferson and began practice in 1878; Dr. W. C. Brownson of Connecticut, who came in 1878; Dr. John Hey Williams of Kentucky, who came in 1879; Dr. William J. Clontz of Alexander, who engaged in practice about 1880; Dr. James A. Burroughs of Virginia, who came in 1882, and Dr. A. M. Ballard of Massachusetts, who came in 1884.

In 1884 Dr. John Anderson Watson began practice in Asheville. He was born in York County, South Carolina, in 1849, graduated at the University of South Carolina and studied medicine at the University of Maryland, graduating there in 1872. He practiced for some years in Chester, S. C., before he came to Asheville. He died in 1902.

Dr. Wardlaw McGill of Maryland also came here in 1884. He graduated in medicine at Baltimore and engaged for some years in eye, ear and throat work in Frederick. He died in 1888.

Mention also is made of Dr. H. P. Gatchell, who was a professor in Hanneman College, Chicago. Dr. Gatchell "for some years conducted at Forest Hill the first sanitarium for consumptives ever attempted here" and he was the author of a pamphlet which drew wide attention to Asheville as a health resort.

Another writer who described Asheville's advantages to the health seeker was Dr. J. W. Gleitsmann, a German and a graduate of the University of Wurzburg. He came here from Baltimore in 1875 and on June 1, 1875, opened the Mountain Sanitarium for Pulmonary Diseases on North Main Street (now Broadway).

Dr. Tennent points out that there have been three Buncombe County Medical Societies. The first society was formed in 1867 and lasted two years, with Dr. J. F. E. Hardy serving as president. A year or two later it was reorganized with Dr. D. J. Cain as president. The third society was organized in 1885.

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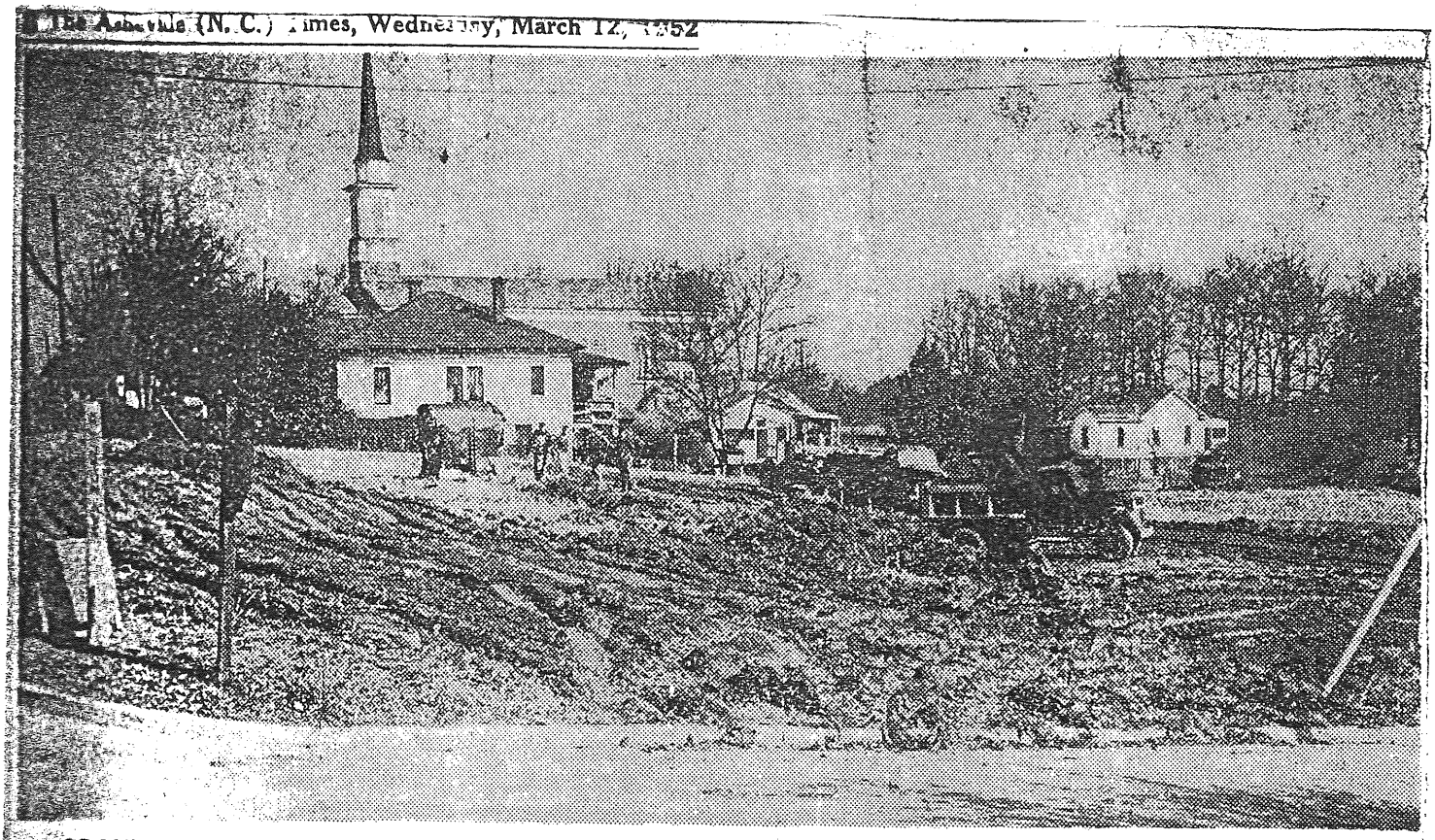

GROUND BROKEN FOR FIRE STATION—City equipment was busy today excavating and grading the Haywood Road site of the new $113,000 West Asheville fire station and branch library. By tomorrow afternoon the site should be ready to be turned over to Z. B. Robinson and Son, general contractors, P. Green Johnson Jr., City project engineer, said. The structure will go up on a 205 by 175-foot lot at Haywood Road and Clinton Avenue. The branch library will be in a wing off the main floor. The fire station's truck floor will open on Haywood Road. The station will have a two-platoon system with four men on duty at all times. It will contain a dormitory, lounge, pantry, locker rooms and work rooms. It will have room for two trucks, although only one truck is planned at the start. The job should be finished by early summer.

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Mostly About People

Many Street Car Motormen Switched To Bus Driving

3-16-52

By Gertrude Ramsey

Years ago we went to school, if we didn't live close enough to walk, on street cars.

We went to town, to the Saturday morning matinee, (full-length feature, serial and two comedies) on the street cars.

So many of the street car conductors and motormen knew the youngsters on their runs, and displayed the proper amount of interest in good report cards and bad colds. Like the postmen, they watched the youngsters in their neighborhoods grow up.

In 1934 the Carolina Power and Light Company, which operated and maintained the street cars, switched over to buses. The clang of the trolley bell, the cheerful rattling of the wheels on the metal rails, the ceremony of changing the trolley on the wire at the end of the line, and the leisurely wait for the "other car" at the switches, all departed in the fumes of gasoline and the honking of bus horns.

However, a number of the street car men took a special course of instruction in bus driving and in no time at all were back on their old routes. Some of the street car men entered other fields of business, retired, took up farming or moved away from Asheville.

The other day I began wondering what happened to the street car conductor on the Grace-Biltmore line—there was more than one of course, but there was this one man who seemed especially patient with youngsters. He even occasionally let some of the older boys, who had been bold enough to ask him, tread on the warning bell when the city's traffic interferred with the rollicking progress of the trolley.

I didn't know this driver's name so the girls at White Transportation Company couldn't tell me what happened to him, but I found out a lot about the old street car drivers as a whole.

(White Transportation took over the buses in 1942, keeping for the most part the same crews.)

The dean of the street car men is Asbury Whisnant, who began on street cars in 1900, and who has since retired after a good many years service. He drove a bus for several years.

Next is Paul Stroup, who is also retired, who began work in 1901, then Cagus H. Miller, who joined in 1902 and who is now retired and living in Pasadena, California. These men also took over bus routes after the street cars were replaced.

J. R. Pinner, who began in 1903 and E. B. Melton, 1904, have also retired after some time as bus drivers.

Still driving a bus is G. S. Robinson, who started on the street cars in 1906. He was born in 1885.

C. C. Beil, one of the old drivers joined in 1908 died April 3, 1947. W. A. Gibbs, who was on street cars from 1910 until the change over and who drove a bus for several years, is now retired.

A. L. Tomberlin and G. G. Tomberlin, half brothers, both started with the street car company in 1910 and changed over to bus. A. L. is now retired.

Two more men whose periods of service began in 1910 have also retired. These are J. R. Harbin, who retired the first of February this year, and L. D. Warren.

D. M. Nicholson and J. A. Sluder, both employed in 1912, are now dead, Sluder having died in July of 1950.

R. B Holcombe, who was employed in 1914, died in February this year.

W. T. Duncan, who went to work the same year Mr. Holcombe did, is now a supervisor of operators.

J. L. Radford, retired, now farms in South Carolina. He went to work in 1914. H. W. Elliott, who started work in 1916, is still driving a bus.

J. C. Bowen is now retired, and lives near Stocksville.

Wade Elliott, who went to work as a street car man in 1918, is now a bus driver and is president of the "local," Division 128, Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes of America, AFL.

A whole group of the drivers who began on street cars shortly before the change-over and who became bus drivers, are still at work. These are F. C. Miller, F. L. Chambers, Kyle J. Powe, Jennings B. Elliott, Troy Clontz, H. J. Rice, Carl Thompson, Leslie Jarvis and Fred N. Smith who is also a supervisor.

One of this latter group, Zeb L. Ensley, was retired on total disability in 1943 and he now lives in Leicester.

The come-early-and-stay business even applies to the executives.

J. C. White, president of the company, was at one time a street car operator himself.

In thinking this matter over, I feel that I may have missed some of the old hands, but the list has been checked by White Transportation Company and A. L. Tomberlin, one of the old-timers who well remembers the day the drivers last rounded the bend to the "car barn" on the final street car runs, and the first tentative sweeps around the corners in the shiny new buses.

If any are omitted here, they'll be found on an "honor roll," however. Posted in the Central Labor Union headquarters on the third floor of the Paragon Building, is a list of the "old men," these young fellows who piloted Asheville's street cars.

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Two Clubs Organized By Youngsters

Youngsters of the West Asheville housing project have formed two community clubs, one for children 6-12 years of age, another for the 12-18 age group.

Regular meetings of the teen-age group have been set for each Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Today, they will hold a aquare dance at their regular meeting. A week from tomorrow, a picnic is planned, to be held in Rhododendron Park.

As yet, no announcement of a regular meeting time for the younger group has been made, Ralph Smith will serve as temporary chairman of the teen-age organization. Fifty-six children are taking part in the two clubs.

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Eugene Rankin PTA Sponsors Talent Show

The Eugene Rankin Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor a talent show at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow in the school auditorium.

Students of the school, and former students of Rankin now attending Hall Fletcher Junior High School will participate.

A feature performer will be Shirley Clark, Hall Fletcher freshman, who will give tap, toe and ballet dance exhibitions.

Hal Hamrick of Station WLOS will be master of ceremonies.

The show chairman is Mrs. C. B. Johnson.

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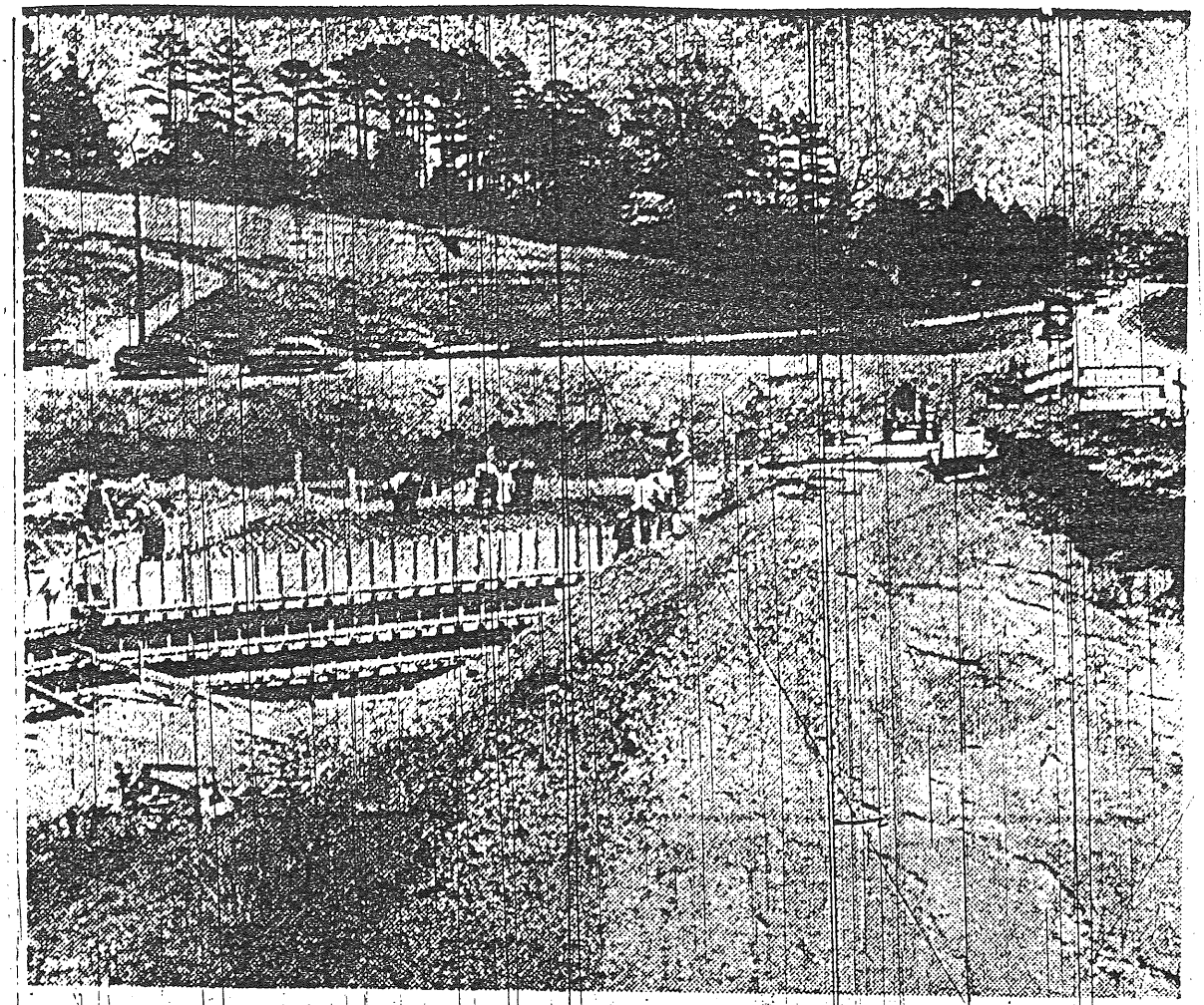

WORK IS PROGRESSING on a reinforced-concrete culvert, above, over which will be laid the second two-lane strip of the north-bound approach to Smoky Park Highway Bridge. The culvert, near Druid Avenue, will have two 10-by-10-foot tunnels through it, while another culvert near the cloverleaf will have three tunnels, each nine feet by nine feet. The two concrete strips, each 24 feet wide for two 12-foot lanes, will be separated by a 20-foot grass lane. The distance to be paved is 1.59 miles, for which grading has been started at the western end near the West Terrace Apartments. (Citizen Photo)

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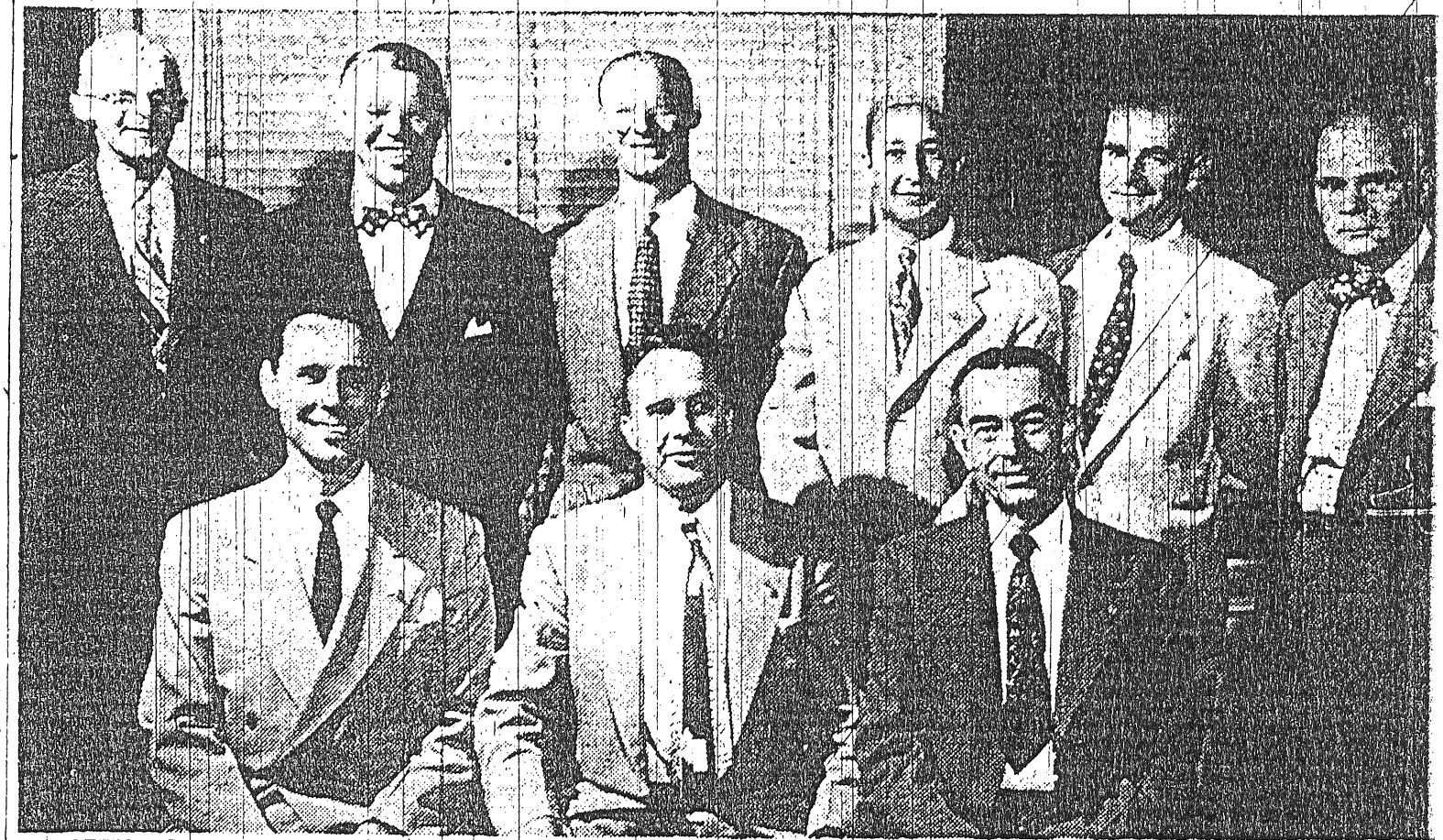


OFFICERS REPRESENTING SEVEN BUNCOMBE COUNTY Lions clubs were among those present for a Lions Club Zone 3 dinner on the Roof Garden of the Battery Park Hotel yesterday. They are: Seated, L to R, Tom L. Mallonee of Candler, Zone 3 chairman; Roy Taylor of Black Mountain, district governor, and Robert Barnes of Candler, district cabinet secretary. Standing, L to R, are: Charles Spencer, past president of the Black Mountain Lions Club; Baxter Hahn, second vice president, Asheville Lions Club; Ralph James, president, Biltmo Lions Club; Hubert L. Kanipe, president, Haw Creek Lions Club; V E. Michael Jr., president, West Asheville Lions Club, and Harry Mille president, Fletcher Lions Club. More than 225 Lions club members an their wives attended. Impromptu "spot" reports were received fro each club represented. (Citizen Photo)

Asheville Citizen May 6, 1952

Asheville Citizen May 8, 1952

A NEW BOOKMOBILE WAS GIVEN TO THE CITY yesterday by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in a ceremony at the entrance to City Hall. A portion of the audience is shown above with the vehicle, L to R: A. A. Roberts; Vice Mayor Walter Abernethy, who received the gift for the City; Mrs. Robert Lee Ellis, widow of the founder of the company which gave the City its first bookmobile in 1940 to initiate the service in the mountain district; Charles K. Robinson of the library board; Coke Candler, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; John C. Vance, County commissioner of public utilities (behind Candler); Robert I. Presley, president-manager of the bottling firm; George D. Young, County commissioner of institutions; Weldon Weir, City manager; Mrs. J. Wall Anderson of the library board; Miss Elizabeth House, director-secretary of the North Carolina Library Commission; and a Mr. Given of Atlanta, Ga. (Citizen Photo)

New Bookmobile Given To Asheville Library

Witnessed by many of its customers, bookmobile service of Asheville's libraries took a major step forward yesterday when the Coca-Cola Bottling Company gave the City a new bookmobile.

Dedicated to the late Robert Lee Ellis, founder of the firm, the modern vehicle was presented to City and County officials in front of City Hall by Mrs. Ellis and Robert I. Presley, president-manager of the concern.

Vice Mayor Walter Abernethy received the bookmobile with gratitude and said the bookmobile service has carried the library to remote points in the county.

Appreciation of the gift was expressed by a number of other persons present, particularly rural residents who told of the importance of the bookmobile in their lives.

Presley reviewed the history of the service, beginning with the first presentation in 1940. He said Mrs. Ellis and the firm's board of directors were in unanimous accord in wishing to replace the old vehicle.

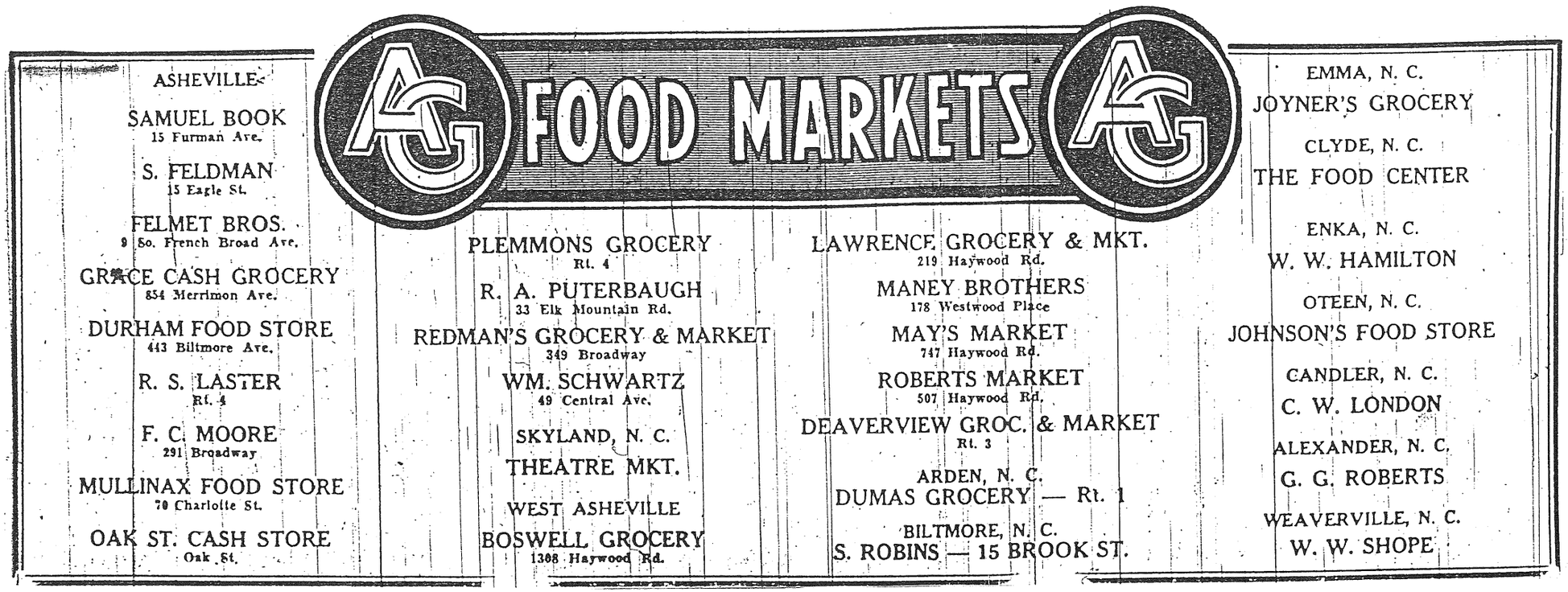
Miss Annie Westall, chairman of the library board of directors, presided at the ceremony and introduced guests. She explained the need for the new unit and the benefits received by rural residents from the bookmobile service.

The vehicle that was retired from service yesterday was worn beyond repair, she said, although behind it is an impressive record of usefulness.

It averaged 124 stops monthly in the 10 months since the beginning of the present fiscal year, and in that time it circulated 97,688 books and 58,171 magazines while travelling 9,791 miles over Buncombe County's rural roads.

Although given in 1940, the vehicle was provided with a new chassis by the bottling firm several years later after it was damaged in a traffic accident, thus making yesterday's gift equal to a third gift.

The new bookmobile has shelves on the inside walls and doors at the front and rear that allow customers to walk in and browse as they would in any library.



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Mobilization Centers Set Up For County Disaster Program

New life was injected into the Asheville-Buncombe County disaster preparedness program yesterday at a meeting of Red Cross, industrial, City and County personnel in Tingle's Cafe.

Mobilization centers for disaster crews and displaced persons were setup by the group for use in emergency situations. Ten of these are in the City with 10 others in county sections.

Attending the meeting yesterday were Julian Stepp, manager of the Asheville office, Carolina Power and Light Company and president of the Chamber of Commerce; Lt. Commander T. E. Williamson, inspector-instructor, Asheville Naval Reserve Training Center; Elmer Gregg, chief of Cecurity, Oerlikon Tool and Arms Company; Thomas Posey, president, Junior Chamber of Commerce; Assistant Chief of Police A. R. Sluder; Cpl. O. W. Dean, State Highway Patrol; Moore Bryson, former Red Cross disaster committees chairman; Manly E. Wright, Buncombe County Red Cross chapter chairman; Ellis Chumady, chairman of survey work for the disaster committees, and Ellis D. Fysal, manager of the Buncombe Red Cross chapter.

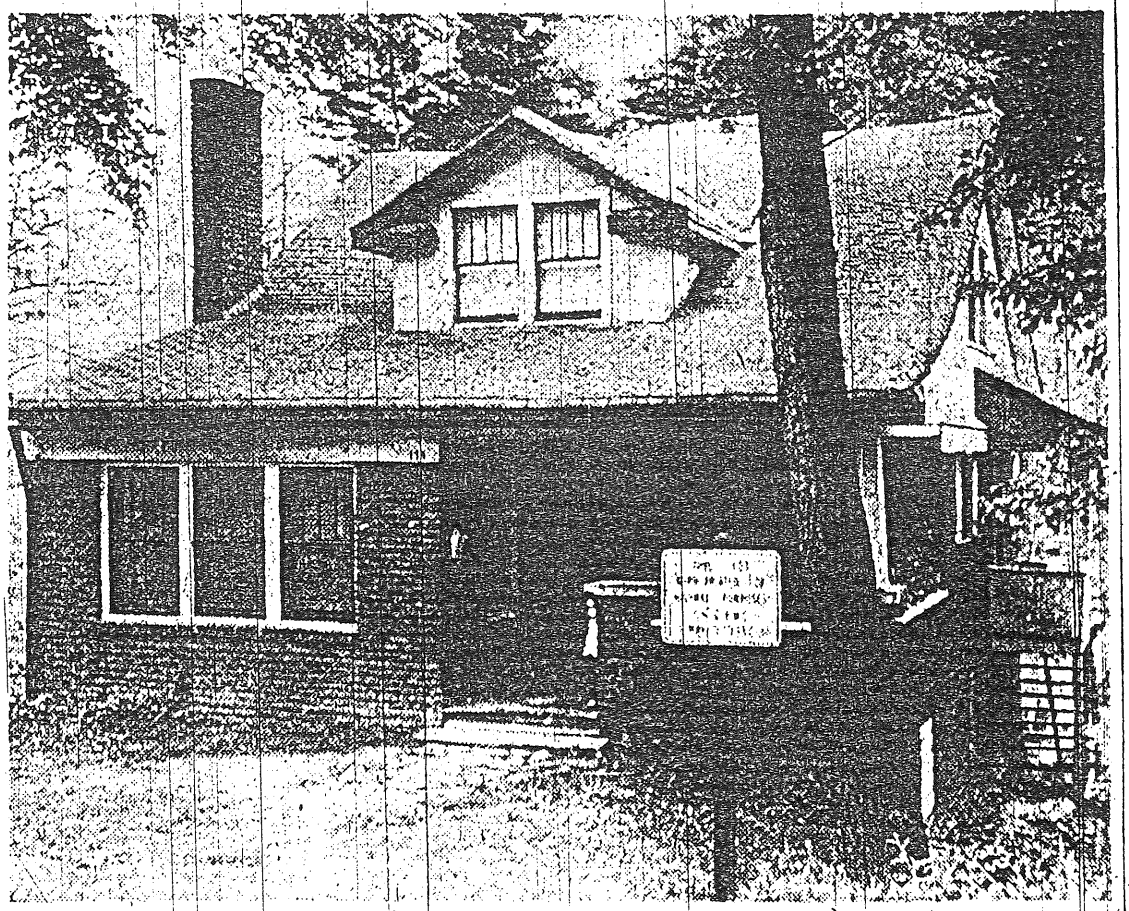
Asheville mobilization centers, with alternative centers, are:

1. Biltmore Plaza, Shiloh School.
2. Skyline Dairies, Patio Restaurant.
3. Manor Hotel, Asheville Country Club.
4. Tourotel, Chez Paul.
5. Klondyke Inn, Craggy prison camp.
6. Queen Carson School, Hill Street School.
7. Livingston Street School, St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines.
8. Hall Fletcher School, Rhododendron Park clubhouse.
9. St. Joan Of Arc School, Malvern Springs cottages.
10. Emma School, Ellada Orphanage.

For Buncombe County, the following disaster mobilization centers will function during emergencies:

Barnardsville, Jupiter, Alexander and Weaverville in North Buncombe; Oteen, Swannanoa in sections east of Asheville; Fairview, Skyland and Arden, south of Asheville and Leicester, Enka and Candler, west of Asheville.

Bernie W. White Jr., chairman of the cooperating disaster committees, presided yesterday.



THIS IS THE HOUSE the State Highway Commission claims it purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. DeBruhl in acquiring right-of-way for the two lanes to be added to the west approach to the Smoky Park Highway Bridge. DeBruhl contends the commission purchased a right-of-way including only two feet of the back of the house for $4,200. The commission has admitted only two feet of the house is in the right-of-way but says it bought the entire house. And the commission says acquisition of the balance of DeBruhl's property at 114 Druid Drive will be necessary for additional right-of-way and that when the commission condemns the balance, it doesn't want to buy the house again. On Wednesday the commission appropriated the DeBruhl property, posted a sign to that effect, and started a second court suit seeking to require vacation of the house. A voluntary non-suit was taken in a prior action before the property was appropriated. The bridge approach is behind the house. (Citizen Photo)

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WEST ASHEVILLE BRANCH Red Cross headquarters were officially opened yesterday in a three-room section of the West Asheville Memorial American Legion Post. Participating in the opening ceremonies were L to R: Claude DeBruhl, member of the steering committee for the branch office; Mayor Earl Eller, who was in charge of the official opening; Mrs. Tom E. Anderson, secretary-treasurer of the steering committee; Mrs. Fred English, steering committee co-chairman; Mrs. Roy Andrews, co-chairman, steering committee, and Mrs. L. J. Sapp, instructor in Red Cross home nursing and care for the sick for the branch unit. (Citizen Photo)

Asheville Times May 10, 1952

LEADERS OF THE RECENTLY-ORGANIZED West Asheville Project Club discuss plans for a recreational and educational program for the residents of the West Asheville Housing Project. L to R, Mrs. J. C. Martin, club secretary; Clarence Fore, president; and Mrs. P. J. Dillon, vice president. They were elected by other residents of the new housing development. Also operating in the development are organizations for teen-agers and sub-teen-agers. (Citizen Photo)

Asheville Times May 15, 1952

The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Wednesday, May 14, 1952

HALL FLETCHER PTA OFFICERS—The Parent-Teacher Association of Hall Fletcher Junior High School held the final meeting of the year yesterday and installed the new officers. They are: Mrs. Harry Atkins, president; Mrs. H. B. Miller Jr., first vice president;; Mrs. L. F. Locke, third vice president; Mrs. Riley Smith, fourth vice president; Mrs. J. E. Clark, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Clarence Miller, treasurer; Mrs. D. L. Towe, historian, and Mrs. J. W. Silvey, parliamentarian. Mrs. Fred English, second vice president, was not present when the picture was made.

THESE MODELS appeared in Emma High School's home economics student fashion show, "A Trip To Terry's," which was held last night at the regular Emma PTA meeting. L to R, Marie Ball, Wanda Ford, Elaine Matthews, Joann Griffith, Shirley Luther and Helen Williams. Also participating were Nancy Murray, Evelyn Smith, Doris Crompton, Carolyn Bass, Peggy Parker, Betty Thomas, Nancy Brown, Evion Brock, and Gwendolyn Huffman. Girls of the Emma Future Homemakers of America chapter served as ushers for the program. The show was sponsored by Miss Bertha Ball. (Citizen Photo)

Asheville Citizen May 14, 1952

West Asheville Library May Get New Services

Friends of the Library, the volunteer organization that sponsors exhibits, films and concerts in Pack Memorial Public Library, is looking forward to the day when it can extend those services to the library branch now under construction in West Asheville.

Thomas Polsky, president, said this will depend on many developments and at present is little more than a dream. However, one of the first developments must be formation of an organization in West Asheville similar to that of riends of the Library.

Persons interested in such an organization are urged to contact Polsky through Pack Library. The West Asheville branch is to be located in a wing of the West Asheville fire station that is now under construction.

The annual membership drive of riends of the Library is being held this week, with headquarters in Pack Library where memberships are being accepted. Mrs. Ottis Green is in charge of the booth today.

Polsky spoke over Station WLOS yesterday in connection with the drive. Funds received through membership subscriptions are used to finance the group's activities in the library.

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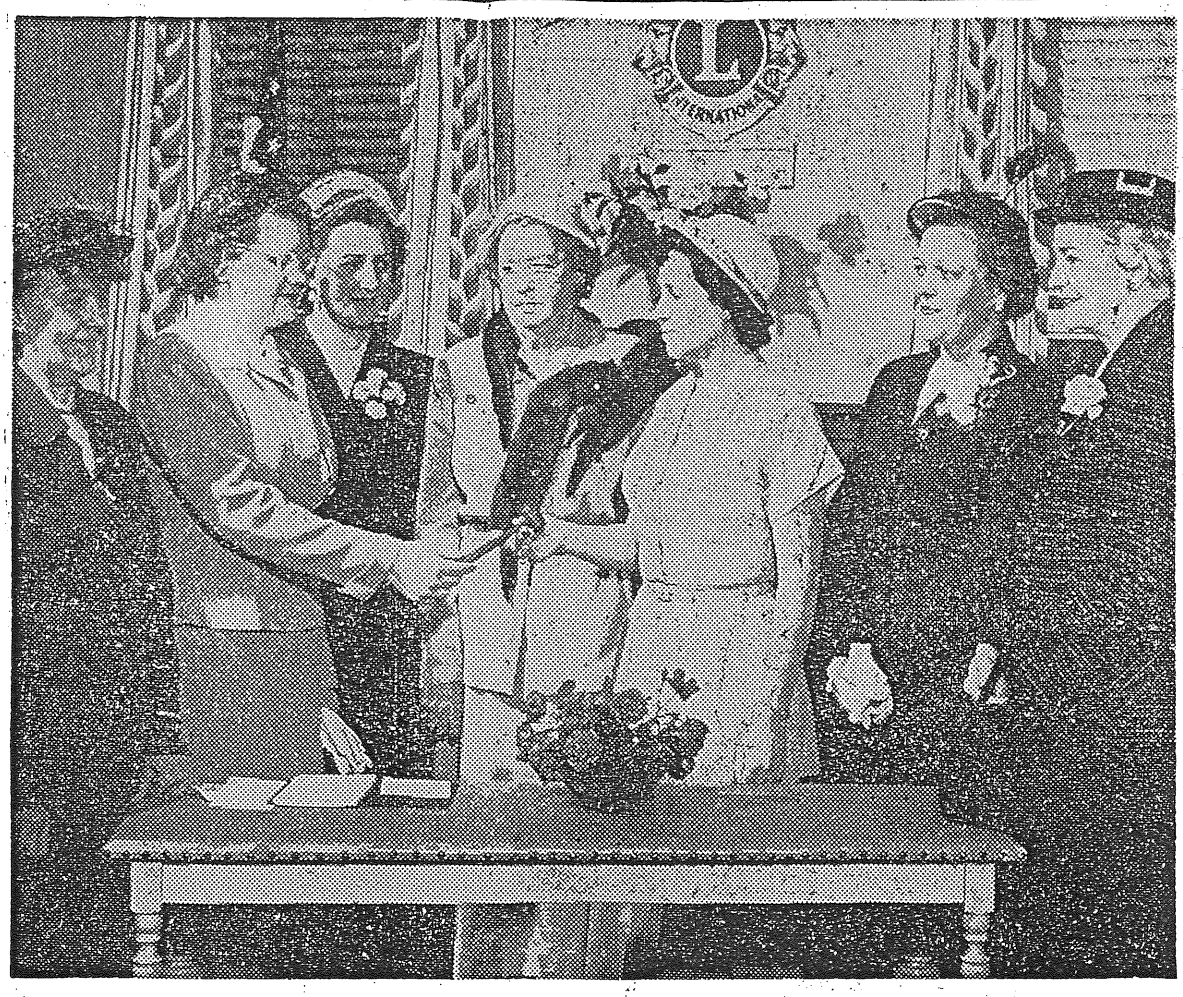

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY CLUB of West Asheville installed their officers for 1952-53 yesterday.& The new leaders are, L to R, Mrs. J. W. Anderson, fourth vice president; Mrs. Tom E. Anderson, president; Mrs. Edgar Todd, third vice president; Mrs. J. A. Goforth, second vice president; Mrs. H. B. Almon, historian and retiring president; Mrs. Harry Atkins, treasurer; and Mrs. W. K. Dalton, parliamentarian. Mrs. John May is fifth vice president, Mrs. Charles Garren, first vice president; and Mrs. Leo Bagwell, secretary. (Citizen Photo)

Lions Club Renames All Its Officers

All "retiring" officers of the West Asheville Lions Club were elected to new terms Thursday night at the club's regular weekly dinner meeting.

W. E. Michael Jr. was renamed president, Dan W. Foster, first vice president; Frank B. Fishburne, second vice president; W. F. Casteel, third vice president; J. Robert Grocé, treasurer; F. Jack Cole, secretary; C. W. Chapman, Lion tamer; Troy White, tail twister; Ralph T. Shlopes, assistant tail twister; and the Rev. W. G. Thomas, John B. May, Harry T. Atkins, A. C. Weddle, J. H. Ward and C. W. Ballard, members of the board of directors.

Michael also reported the club will be represented at the annual North Carolina Lions Convention in Wrightsville Beach May 25-27.

Horace Sentelle, a supervisor of the American Enka Corporation, inducted as a new member.

The team headed by Jim Metcalf was announced as the club's top combination of the 15 teams which worked in the annual broom sale to raise funds for financing the Lions work for the blind. Serving on Metcalf's team, which sold $255 worth of brooms, were H. B. Bradley, Russell Gregory and Casteel.

A "double quartet" of students from the Asheville School for Boys entertained the club with a program of folk songs and variety selections.

Six members of the Haw Creek Lions Club, organized recently under the sponsorship of the West Asheville club, were guests at the meeting.

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ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, ASHEVILLE, N.C.
Sunday, May 18, 1952

THE ANNUAL SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL of Hall Fletcher Junior High School was presented Friday at 8 p. m. by the 120-voice choir and the band of the school. Directors for the concert were Mrs. Hugh T. Brank, choral director and Joe DeNardo, band director. Numbers included in the musical program were "The Star Spangled Banner," "Carolina In The Morning," "Joshua And The Battle of Jericho," "Dry Bones" and "The Battle Hymn Of The Republic."

FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS YOU WANT . . . IN

PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 31, 1952

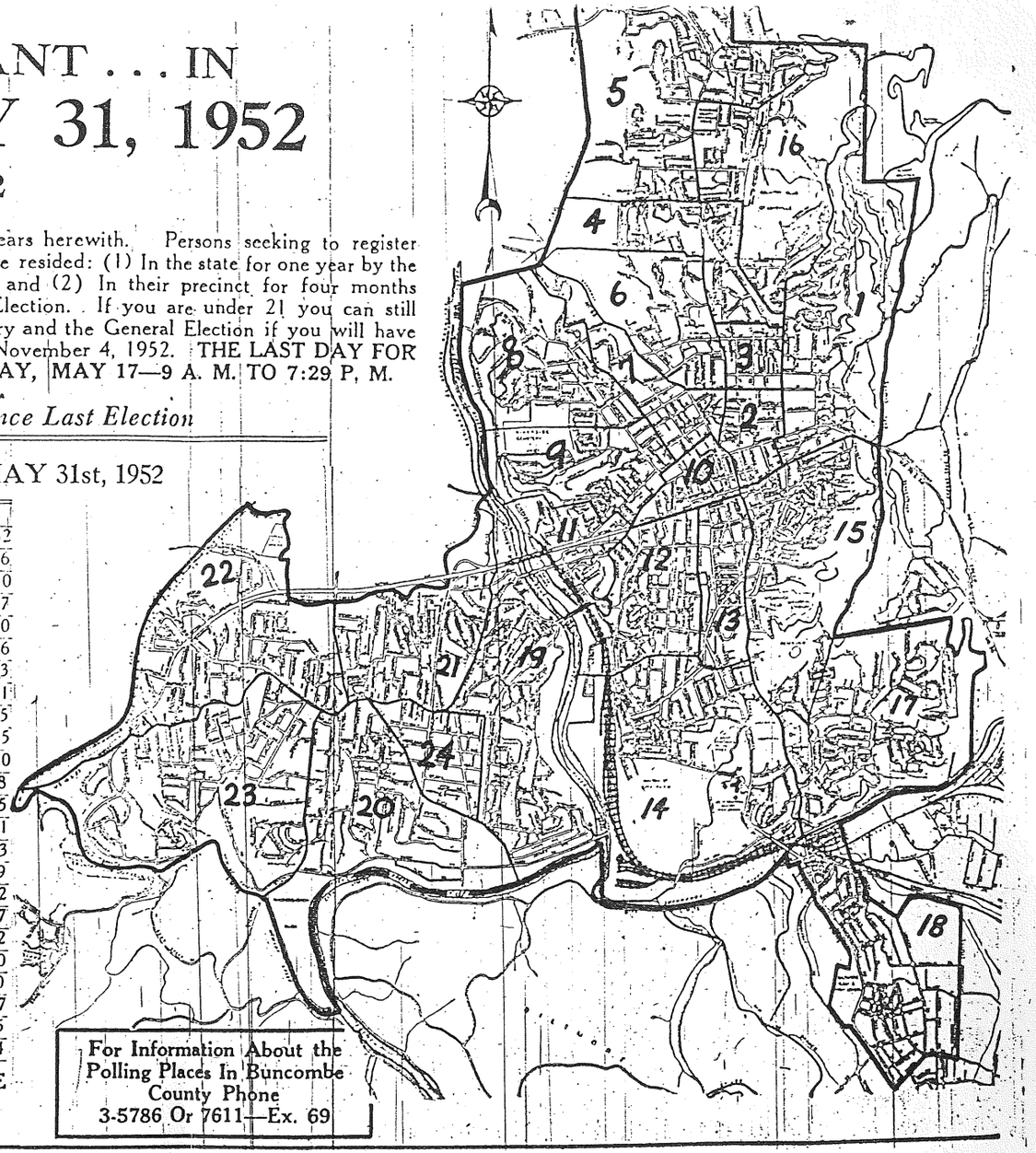
GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 4, 1952

HERE'S HOW TO REGISTER—This map shows the boundary lines of the 24 city precincts. Those who are not sure about whether they are registered or who have moved since the last election are urged to study the map, determine the precinct in which they live and contact the registrar. Where the boundary line goes down a certain street, the residents of one side of the thoroughfare vote in one precinct and those who live on the other side of the same street vote in the other precinct. A complete list of registrars and polling places appears herewith. Persons seeking to register must show that they will have resided: (1) In the state for one year by the November 4 General Election and (2) In their precinct for four months by the November 4 General Election. If you are under 21 you can still register and vote in the Primary and the General Election if you will have reached age 21 on or before November 4, 1952. THE LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION, SATURDAY, MAY 17—9 A. M. TO 7:29 P. M.

Not Necessary to Register If Name On Books and You Haven't Moved Since Last Election

CITY PRECINCT REGISTRARS AND POLLING PLACES FOR PRIMARY, MAY 31st, 1952

Precinct No.	Polling Places	Registrars	Address	Phone
1	David Millard High School	Mrs. Frances Leemon	Rosebank Cottage	3-7062
2	Ed Orr Motor Co., 21 N. Market St.	Mrs. Zora W. Slagle	88 Charlotte St.	3-7196
3	Claxton School	Mrs. Cecil Earp	137 Annandale Ave.	3-2090
4	Laundromat, 920 Merrimon Ave.	Mrs. E. B. Bartlett	19 Ramoth Rd.	3-4137
5	Grace School	Mrs. R. F. Coppedge	20 Lotus Pl.	3-2730
6	Merrimon Avenue Fire Station	Mrs. Velma T. Lyda	56 Hillside St.	3-2916
7	5 Point Cleaners, 299 Broadway	Mrs. Pauline Bruce	81 E. Chestnut St.	2-3693
8	271 Montford Ave. (Shoffner Residence)	Mrs. Annie Meehan	38 Soco	3-3941
9	22 Montford Ave. (Vacant House)	Miss Addie Wilson	166 W. Chestnut	3-1485
10	City Auditorium	Mr. W. Marvin Newton	40 Hiwassee St.	3-8565
11	Queen Carson School, Park Ave.	Mrs. Ruby B. Denny	57 Williams St.	7700
12	Aston Park Grandstand	Mrs. B. B. Cohn	118 S. French Broad	3-1438
13	Skyland Motors, Hilliard St.	Miss Hazel Messer	174 Asheland Ave.	3-0035
14	Lee Edwards High School	Mrs. W. Martin Shaw	46 St. Dunstan's Cir.	3-8471
15	County Court House	Mrs. Sam R. Bennett	40 White Fawn Drive	2-1913
16	Asheville Art Museum, 324 Charlotte St.	Mrs. B. Wm. Warren	21 Melrose	2-3409
17	Newton School	Mrs. J. J. Stone	76 Sheridan Rd.	2-1522
18	Biltmore Fire Station	Mrs. Grady K. Allen	209 Summit St.	3-3447
19	Hall Fletcher School	Mrs. Mazie Bradley	196 Logan	3-3562
20	Eugene Rankin School	Mrs. Edith Gardin	62 Hudson St.	2-0470
21	Aycock School, 441 Haywood Rd.	Mrs. W. K. Dalton	17 Brucemont Circle	2-2720
22	E. B. Roberts, Real Estate, 781 Haywood Rd.	Mrs. J. N. Arthur	98 Louisiana Ave.	8397
23	Vance School	Mrs. J. H. Parris	11 Maple Crescent	2-3545
24	424 Haywood Road	Mrs. Robert Self	28 Allen St.	3-7244



IF YOU CAN'T GO TO POLLING PLACE—COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR REGISTRAR SHOWN ABOVE

The Buncombe County Committee of 100 Citizens, Inc.

For Information About the Polling Places In Buncombe County Phone 3-5786 Or 7611—Ex. 69

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

By BERTHA W. HALEY
Staff Writer

Asho News 6-13-52

MR. HUBERT HAYES

Author of THUNDERLAND, Mr. Hubert Hayes was born on Virginia Avenue in West Asheville, and played the leading role in a play during his senior year at Asheville High School. Thus his beginning in the interest of the drama.

Mr. Hayes was educated at the University of North Carolina and at Duke University, and his first professional work with the theatre was with the Augustin Stock Company, Greensboro, N. C., and Reading, Pa. While with this company he played various leading roles including "Nothing But the Truth," "The Brat," "Dawn of the Mountains," "Way Down East," "Kick In," "The Fool," "The Last Warning," and many others.

Deeply interested in the welfare of others, he worked for several years putting on benefit performances. He was also active with the Asheville Theatre and played in "Sun Up," "He Who Gets Slapped," etc.

He was co-author with C. R. Sumner of the historical play "Fox-Fire," and he was co-author with John T. Foote in the well known mountain play "Tight Britches."

One of his outstanding projects has been the building up of the mountain youth jamboree, a folk festival for youth of high school age and under.

During World War 2 he was instructor in flight navigation, C. A. P. for Army and Navy Cadets. He also put on a radio script, "Dear Togo," in connection with the Scrap metal campaign.

For many years Mr. Hayes served with the Asheville fire department, and for the past few years has been manager of the Asheville Auditorium. And among his many activities through the years, he has found time to direct numerous amateur productions including the annual jaycee Ministrel with great success.

The curtain will rise for the first performance of THUNDERLAND on July 4th, with showings every night with the exception of Mondays through the first week of September. John Morley, who played the part of Abraham Lincoln in a Broadway production, will assume the leading role of Daniel Boone. The cast requires as much as perhaps a 100 people, some of which will be professional, but others will be played by college dramatic seniors and others with some experience.

Hobbies: cabinet making, Flying.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes reside at 147 Edgemont Road.

Asheville News June 13, 1952

Knighthood Once Was In Flower Here To Keep Visitors Amused

Back in the days when gentlemen were bold and dashing and the ladies were fair and swooney, the young blades of Asheville were wont to contend in the lists amid cheers and handkerchief waving from the gallery.

If it is hard to imagine the young men of Asheville, superbly mounted on blooded chargers, bearing down, lance poised on a series of dough-nut-like rings hung in mid air, just remember that those were days of the gallant gesture.

Some of these same young men, now well advanced along life's pathway, admit there were moments when they felt just a little silly jogging around the course, lance in hand. This was when someone in the crowd had little enough grace to let his sense of humor get the upper hand as he viewed a particularly knobby assembly of elbows and knees bearing down on the hapless little rings.

It is to the credit of the young men of the day that they took their brush with knighthood seriously and always rode hell-for-leather, making up in dash and zeal anything they might have lacked in skill.

The trials were held in the Sulphur Springs-Carrier Field area as a part of the activities of the Asheville summer society set. They had all the trimmings, including parasols for the ladies which encouraged a little sly eyelash waving in particular directions, and a real trumpet to set the nerves atingle with expectancy at the right moment.

Just how it all got started seems to be shrouded in a bit of mystery, since memories are dim and records are scarce on this point, but it appears fairly safe to assume that underneath it all was some enterprising promoter whose job it was to cook up something to keep the visitors amused.

This business of riding with lances to spear unoffending little rings hung in midair was well before the day when the trotting horse and sulky was in vogue and everyone who was anyone went to the horse show. The thrill of jobs skimming around the dirt track at old Riverside Park was a sensation never to be forgotten, but it never attained the status of the clash of the lances up Carrier Field way.

Asheville even had a tally-ho in those days and there was nothing quite so thrilling as watching the high-wheeled pleasure coach reeling down the street with horses in a dead run while the man with the long brass trumpet heralded its coming with pulse tingling blasts.

Asheville Citizen June 22, 1952

List Of Dog Show Winners Is Announced

The list of winners in the Any-Kind-of-a-Dog Show, which was held in the basement of the West Asheville Methodist Church was made public yesterday.

The event was sponsored by the senior Sunday School department of the church.

Proceeds from the event will help furnish the church recreation room.

The grand prize of $5 for the best all-around dog was win by Princess, owned by Tommy Honaker, 62 Nevada Avenue.

The winners of the other titles were:

Largest dog—Danny Boy, shown by Anson Bell; second, Laddie, shown by H. C. Nix Jr.

Dog with the ugliest face—Toppy, shown by Larry Fortune; second, Fuzzy, shown by Janet Porter.

Dog with the most original costume—Ginger, shown by Mrs. W. S. Brank; second, Tiger Whammy, shown by Gayle Chandler.

Dog with the shortest legs—Toto, shown by Walter Brank; second, Ginger, shown by Billy Patendas.

Dog with the most spots—Blue Boy, shown by Jimmy Rickards; second, Suzie Q, shown by Mary Lee Graham.

Dog with the longest ears—Duchess, shown by Mrs. Robert Borgman; second, Lady, shown by Ann Ingle.

Smallest Dog—Betsy, shown by Beverly Ann Atkins; second, Suzie, shown by Mrs. W. S. Brank.

Dog with the largest feet—Dusty, shown by Eddie Prater; second, Nicky, shown by Martha Sue Jarrett.

Dog with the most doubtful ancestry—Toney, shown by Kimple McCall; second, Brown Eyes, shown by Mrs. Louise Bryson.

Dog that does the most tricks— Frisky, shown by Alan Reynolds; Dusty, shown by Eddie Prater.

Dog with the longest tail—Laddie, shown by H. C. Nix Jr.; second, Danny Boy, shown by Anson Bell.

Dog that bears the strongest resemblance to his master or mistress—Julep, shown by Read Wilson; second Ted, shown by Harold Mullinax.

Dog with the saddest eyes—Trigger, shown by Kenneth Bradley; second, Danny, shown by Virginia Wright.

Dog with the wagging-est tail—Snowball, shown by Betty Brown and Margaret Roberts; second, Happy, shown by Judy Melton.

Cutest puppy—Princess, shown by Tommy Honaker; second, Cindy shown by Joy Cook.

The prizes for the show were donated by Fortune's Paint and Hardware Company, Haywood Feed Store, S. E. Sanders Company Gardner's Shoe Hospital, Bon-Ton Cleaners, Well's Service Station, McRary and Son, Parker's Esso, English Lumber Company, Isis Theater, Shieder's Drug Store, Haywood Feed Store, Harrison Auto Glass Company, National Cleaners, May's Market, Brooks' Cafe, Marshall's Amoco Service Station, West Asheville Pharmacy, Felmet Brothers, Dr. R. F. Borgman, W. E. Alexander, Bennett's Soda and Sundries, Ideal Drug Store, Quality Bakery, Jarvis Auto Service, Clyde Taylor, Philip N. Sales, Randall Duckett, Joe W. Allison, J. Faraday Brown and Robert E. Lewis.

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SWIMMING SAFETY—Some of the participants in a water safety demonstration which will be part of the Water Carnival at Malvern Hills Pool August 8-9 are shown discussing the techniques they will demonstrate. The carnival will feature a water ballet and a beauty contest. They are, kneeling, left to right: Miss Gladys Cordovey, Kenny Fisher, Cris Crawford, instructor, and Ronnie Fisher. Standing are Steve Ebbs, Bryum Orr, Gene Smith, Dick Hendon and Niles Ray. Performances will begin at 8 p. m. The Vance School square dance team will stage exhibitions during intermission each night. Proceeds will be used to help finance the West Asheville Youth and Recreation Center.

Asheville Citizen August 6, 1952

Beauty Queen To Be Chosen In W. Asheville

Selection of a beauty queen from among 11 contestants representing West Asheville community organizations will be the opening event of the water carnival at Malvern Hills swimming pool tonight.

Last night, approximately 750 persons crowded the seats at the show's first performance. Better seating arrangements are promised for the program at 8 p. m. today.

Other features of the water show include the 11-girl water ballet, a comedy act by William Walker, a trio number and clown acts by Chris Crawford, Niles Ray and Charlie Garren. Miss Marcia Williams directs and swims with the ballet.

Exhibition dancing by Vance School square dance team is presented at the intermission.

Asheville Citizen August 9, 1952

Water Carnival First Night Performance Is Seen By 750

A crowd of approximately 750 persons who squeezed themselves on to benches and grandstands along the side of the Malvern Hills swimming pool last night were thoroughly entertained by a bevy of lovely swimmers, a dance team and ballets.

Held for the benefit of the West Asheville Youth and Recreation Center, the show tonight is expected to draw even a larger crowd. The carnival and pageant is scheduled to begin promptly at 8 p. m. and officials of the show promise better seating arrangements tonight along the west side of the pool.

Highlighting today's performance will be the selection and crowning of the queen of the carnival, chosen from among 11 contestants representing West Asheville community organizations.

Mayor Earl Eller will be on hand to crown the queen in a colorful ceremony as the carnival gets under way.

The girls presented to last night's audience were dressed in evening gowns and paraded before colorful lights. They were the Misses Pattie English, Kay Mulvaney, Peggy Lou Laughter, Betty Brown, Marcia Hampton, Kay Atkins, Glenda Freeman, Joretta Gaddy, Barbara Moffitt, Pat Jarrett and Pat Cantrell.

Following the beauty parade, a water ballet, under the direction of Miss Marcia Williams, presented a number, "With A Song In My Heart." Members of the ballet were the Misses Betty Henderson, Peggy Laughter, Barbara Moffitt, Elizabeth Dunn, Williams, Mary Cochrane, Sandra Huber, Rose Marie Dunn, Suzanne Szechenyi, Louise Dunn and Shirley Hembress.

The long hours of training and the close attention to intricate maneuvers were reflected in excellent timing and shown by members of the ballet. The girls were trained for the carnival by Miss Zonia and Marcia Williams.

Included on the program were clown acts, by Chris Crawford, Niles Ray and Charlie Garren.

William Walker, Buncombe County American Red Cross instructor trainer, added a touch of comedy with his "Wee Willie Walker" act, and a trio composed of the Williams sisters and Nancy Cochrane received the applause of last night's audience with their ballet, "Touch Of Your Hand."

An intermission exhibition was presented by the Vance School square dance team, under the direction of Mrs. Homer Smith.

Carnival chairman is Mrs. Keith Bradley. She is being assisted in the committee work by Dan Judd, Mrs. Harry Atkins and Mrs. H. C. Almon.

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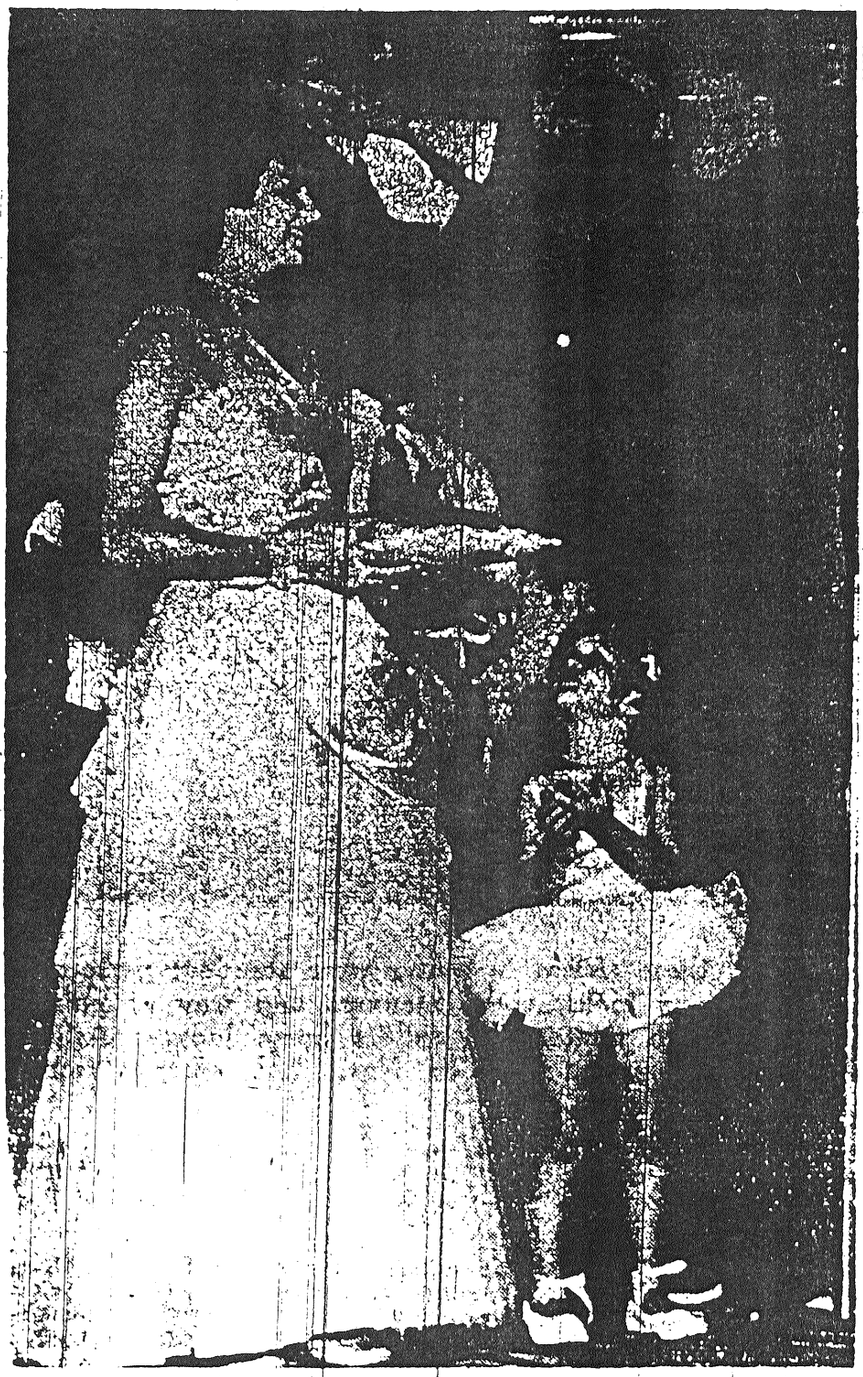

— Bob Brown Photo

CROWNED BEAUTY QUEEN of the Malvern Hills Water Carnival and Beauty Pageant last night at Malvern Hills Swimming Pool was Miss Martha Hampton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hampton of West Asheville. Miss Hampton is shown receiving the crown from Vice Mayor Walter Abernathy over the watchful eyes of tiny four-year-old Marcia Snipes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Snipes of 9 Brucemont Circle. Miss Hampton was sponsored by the Rhododendron Club

Miss Hampton Crowned Water Carnival Queen

Miss Martha Hampton was elected queen of the Water Carnival last night at the Malvern Hills pool.

She was crowned by Walter Abernathy, vice-mayor, at the climax of the two-day event whose proceeds will help finance the proposed West Asheville Youth and Recreation Center.

Miss Hampton, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hampton of West Asheville, was elected by votes of the spectators over 10 other contestants. Miss Hampton was sponsored by the Rhododendron Club.

Runnerup was Miss Kay Atkins, sponsored by the West Asheville Lions Club. Miss Kay Mulvaney, sponsored by the West Asheville Memorial American Legion Post and its auxiliary, placed third.

Between 800 and 900 men, women and children witnessed the coronation and the performances.

Mrs. Keith Bradley was general chairman for the carnival which was sponsored by the community organizations of West Asheville.

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Bruce Emory Research

Program

1. Star Spangled Banner
2. Diver
   (Gail Benton)
3. Exhibition Swim
   (Nancy Merki Lees)
4. Ballet featuring the Aqua-Nymphs
   (Music—Stars Fell on Alabama)
5. Whit Lees
6. Diving Exhibition
   (Gail Benton & Joe Kelso)
7. Duet Ballet
   (Jackie Romieux & Susan Campbell)
   (Music—Tenderly)
8. Beauty Contest
9. Comedy
10. Duet Ballet
    (Selina Denny & Pat Sawyer)
    (Music—I Cover the Waterfront)
11. Comedy
12. Ballet with Nancy Lees and the Aqua-Nymphs
    (Music—Love Walked In)
13. Clown Diving
    (Fritz Turner & Rabbit Daniels)
14. Fire Dive
15. Finale

Jaycee Chairman	Dan Breeden
Producer of Show	Nancy Merki Lees
Director of Show	Jack A. Mitchel
Publicity	Whitlock Lees, Jr.
Sound Technician	J. H. Parris, Jr.
Properties	Ed. Cole
	William E. Greene
Announcer	William Warlick

Special thanks and appreciation to Red Miller and Al. Geremonte of the Citizen and Times Sports Department for their cooperation.

All Ballets written and directed for this show by Nancy Lees.

Special thanks to Mr. Weldon Weir and all the City Officials, for their cooperation in permitting the Jaycees the use of the Recreation Park Swimming Pool.

Bathing Suits worn by the AquaNymphs—Carl Jantzen, Jantzen Knitting Mills, Portland, Oregon.

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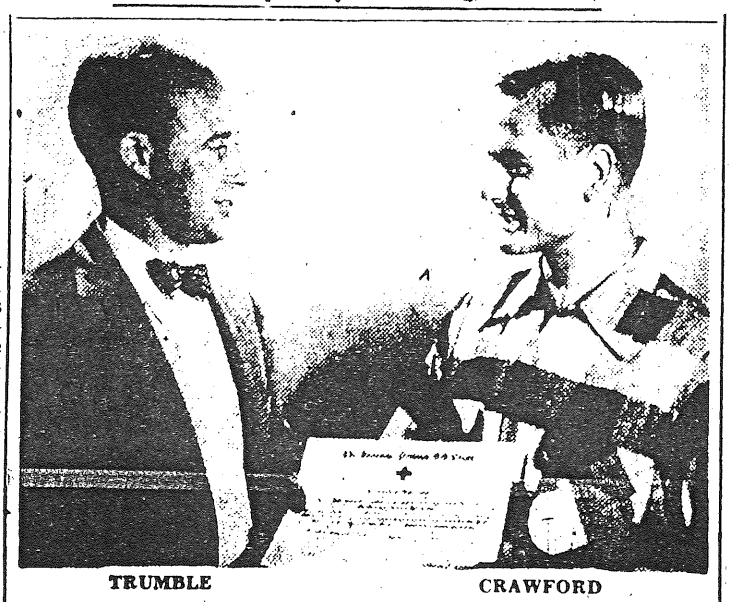

TRUMBLE CRAWFORD

RECEIVES AWARD—Chris S. Crawford of Tryon Road, West Asheville, has received an American Red Cross certificate of appreciation for his work as water safety, swimming and life-saving instructor. Ronald A. Trumble, chairman of Water Safety for the Buncombe County Red Cross Chapter, presented the award. Crawford during the past three years has given 300 volunteer hours to the chapter and served at Malvern Hills Swimming Pool. He recently returned from Camp Carolina Aquatic School. Only two other special certificates have been presented in the chapter, according to Ellis D. Fysal, manager, one to J. D. Brown and the other to William V. Walker.

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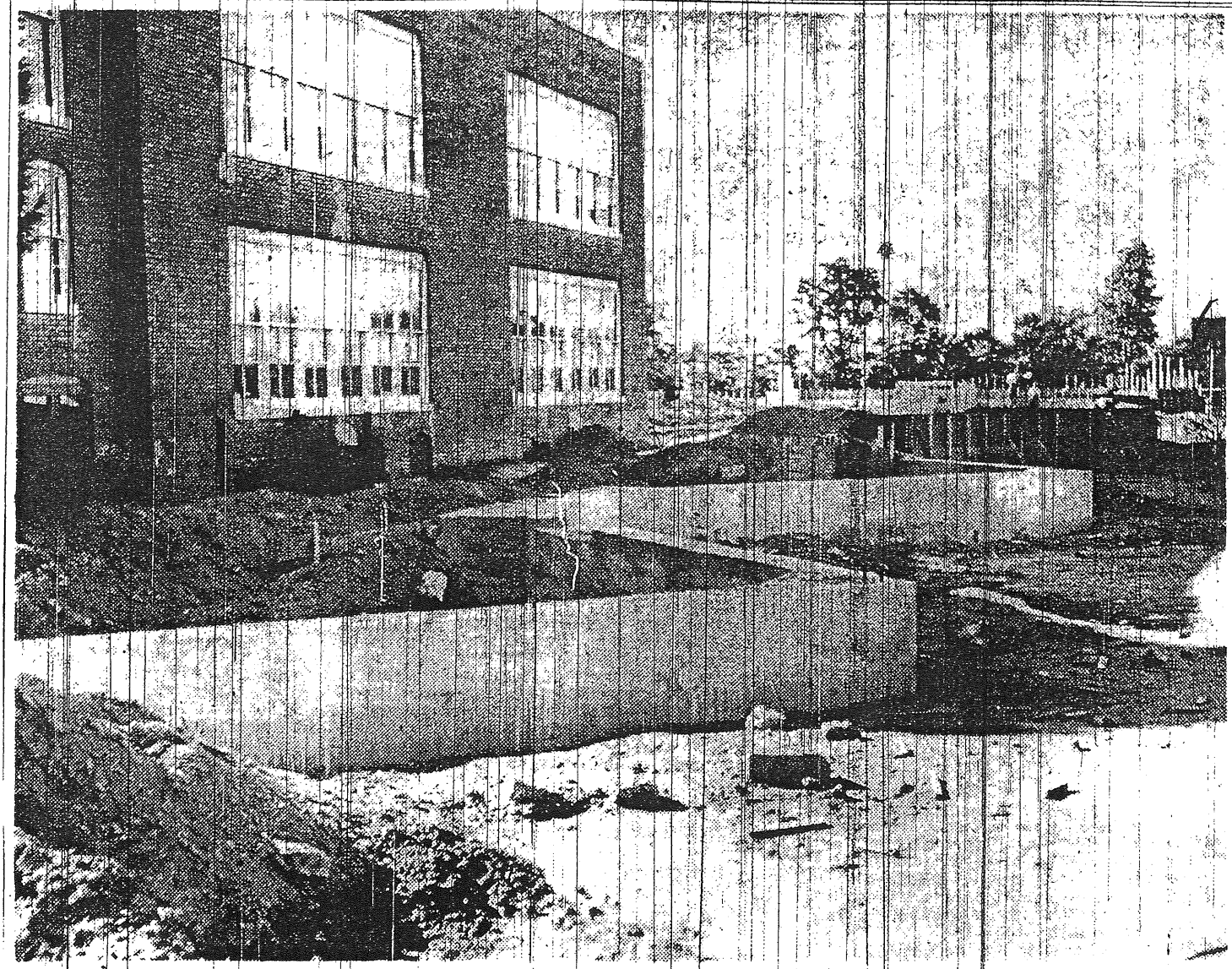

—Citizen Photo—Gamble

CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN on the new Aycock School building in West Asheville by Z. B. Robinson and Son, general contractor for the 18-room structure. The building is scheduled for completion by the 1953-54 school year. The present building, shown at left, will be remodeled into a 500-seat auditorium for the new school.

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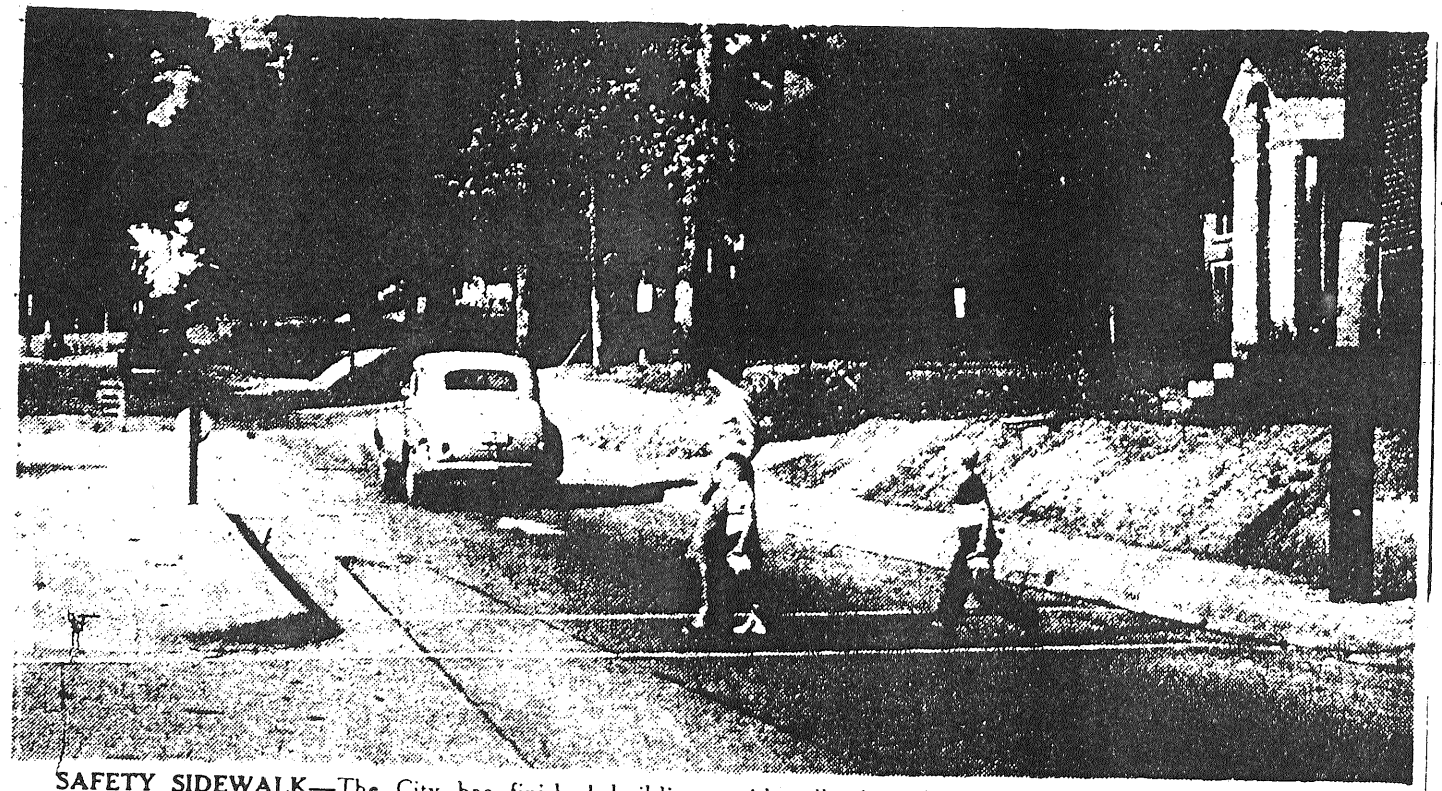

SAFETY SIDEWALK—The City has finished building a sidewalk along the north side of Patton Avenue between Johnston Boulevard and Tampa Avenue. The two-block long sidewalk was built to help youngsters in the Lucerne Park section of West Asheville keep out of busy Patton Avenue near its intersection with Haywood Road. Mrs. Raymond Taylor, school crossing guard, is shown as she escorts two Vance School children across the street.

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Homemakers Club Organized By West Asheville Women

A Homemakers Club has been organized by the Women of the West Asheville Project Club.

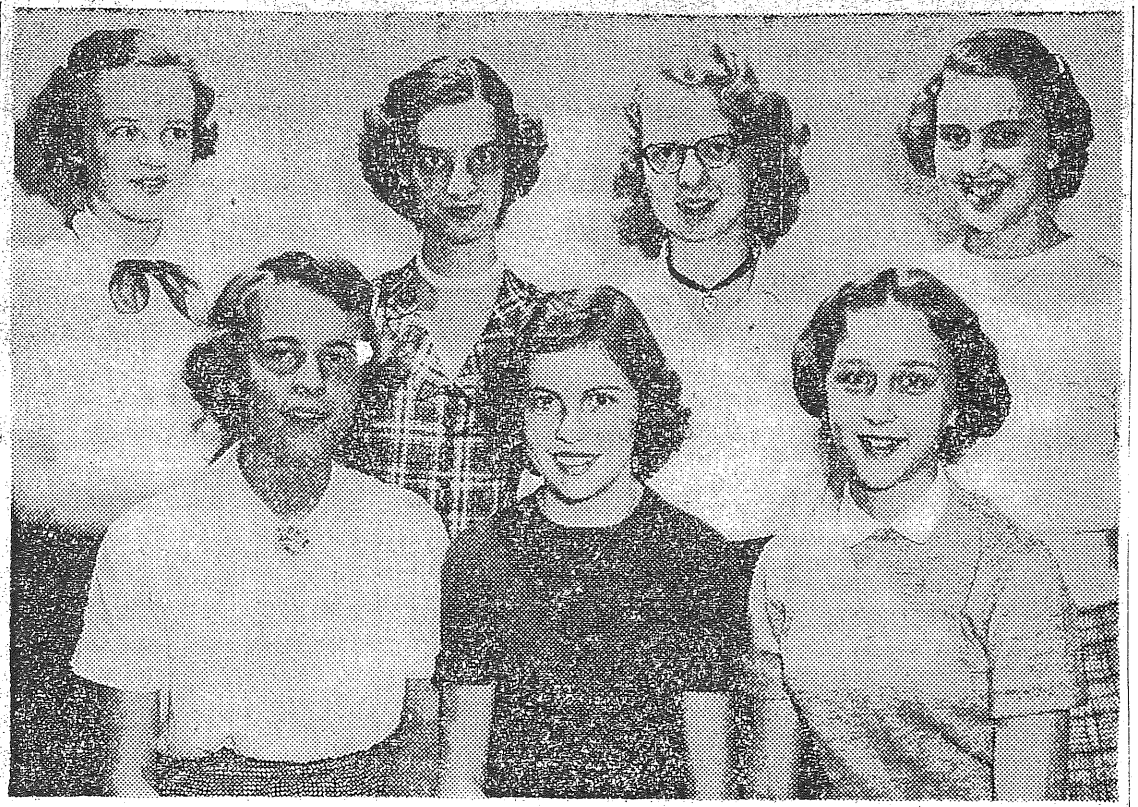
The West Asheville Project Club has a membership of residents of the housing project.

The new Homemakers Club formed at a meeting yesterday was provided with two sections. One for women interested chiefly in cooking, the other for those interested in sewing.

Mrs. Charles Lowe was chosen as chairman of the cooking group, and Mrs. Virginia Penland was selected for the similar position heading the sewing group.

In a meeting of the sewing group several members volunteered to assist others or to instruct in different types of sewing; Mrs. Kerr, knitting; Mrs. Chapman, crocheting; Mrs. Shore, machine sewing; and Mrs. Solt, embroidery work.

The members of the Homemakers Club decided to meet weekly at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday in the project Administration Building.



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NEW OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED at a meeting of the Hamilton Junior Music Club yesterday afternoon in the Battery Park Hotel. Shown above, seated, left to right, are Judy Crump, president; Willene Clark, assistant treasurer, and Deborah Berney, corresponding secretary. Standing are Martha Thomas, recording secretary; Elizabeth Ann Coffey, publicity chairman; Kaye Smith, treasurer, and Laura Jo Hill, third vice president.

Hamilton Junior Music Club Installs Officers For Year

Officers and committee chairmen were installled at a meeting of the Hamilton Junior Music Club yesterday afternoon in the Battery Park Hotel.

The officers include Miss Judy Crump, president; Miss Harriett Leonard, first vice president; Miss Marcia Murdock, second vice president; Miss Laura Jo Hill, third vice president; Miss Martha Thomas, recording secretary;

Miss Deborah Berney, corresponding secretary; Miss Kaye Smith, treasurer; Miss Willene Clark, assistant treasurer; Miss Barbara O'Kelly, director; Misses Nancy Edwards, Martha Worley and Melanie Cochrane, accompanists; Miss Catherine Logan, historian; Miss Elizabeth Coffey, publicity chairman.

Councillors are Mrs. Hugh Brank and Mrs. Rhett Berry.

Committees composed of students from Hall Fletcher Junior High School are as follows:

Scrapbook, Susanne Sales, San Harper and Glenda Humphries; yearbook, Jo Ann Sharpe, Norma Rogers and Judy Patton; magazine, Betty Jean Pyatt, Sandra Gordon and Peggy Poor; club rating sheet, Barbara Walsh, Carolyn Ball and Josephine Hyams; radio, Julia Ann Lock.

Membership, Norma Sluder, Gail Wyatt, Ann Atkins and Frances Kinser; hostesses, Verona Arrowood, Ann Pritchard, Sandra Crompton, Betty Sue Lail, Sandra Penland, Judy Bridges, Patsy Pressley and Betty Peterson.

Committees composed of students from David Millard Junior High School are as follows:

Scrapbook, Agnes Plemmons, Judy Collins and Ruth Woody; yearbook, Gail Lamb, Patricia Pritchard and Jean Brown; magazine, Claudia Haynes, Ann Zachary and Joanne Day; club rating sheet, Cecile Lane, Barbara Jean Keller and Barbara Kinard; radio, Linda Dudley, James Smith and Lynne Nichols; membership, Beverly Dykes, Kathleen Roberts and Diana Cole; hostesses, Patricia Morgan, Myra Tatum, Linda Lowe, Gen Arrowood, Beverly Hayes, Mary Helen Wolfschlag, Lynne Sollad, Sandra Geddings and Ruth Ann Goforth.

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Asheville (N. C.) Times, Friday, Sept. 26, 1952

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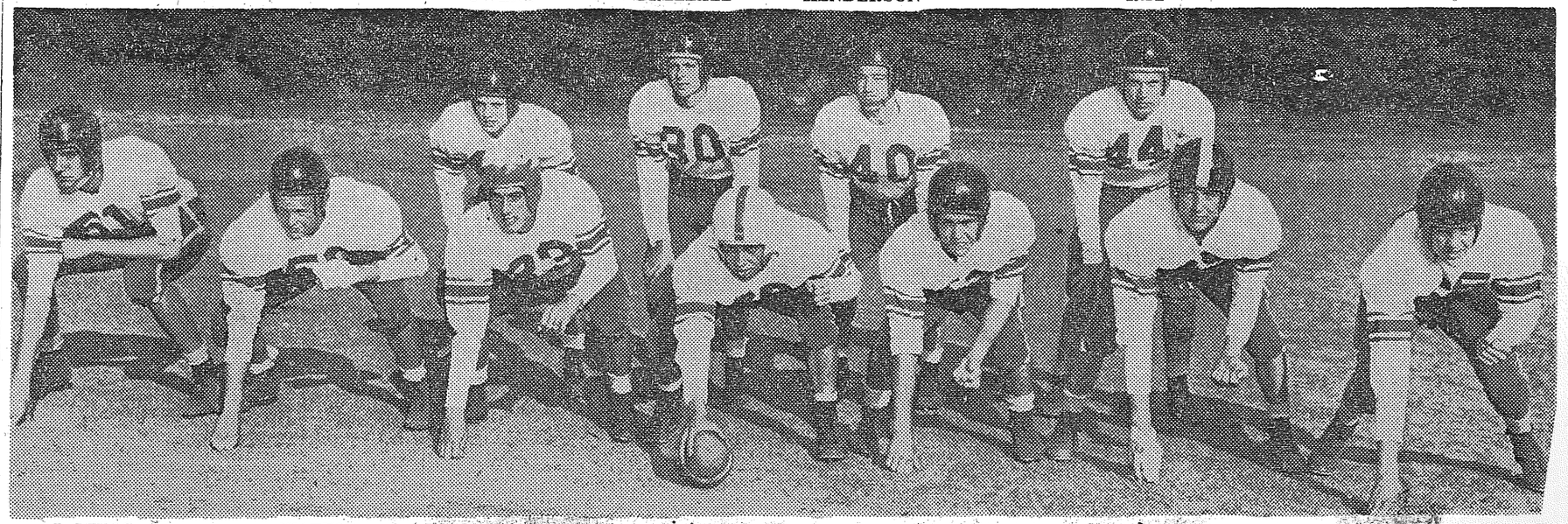

REBELS ARE READY — This is the probable starting line for the Hall Fletcher Junior High Rebels when they take to the field today at 8 p. m. in M morial Stadium for their tussle with the Canton High Junior Black Bears. Expected to see plenty of action tonight are end Jimmy Mills, tackle Buster Wat guard Roy Mills, center Larry Henderson, guard Russell Steele, tackle Winford Marshall, end Charles Floyd, halfback Bob Owens, fullback Jerry Brezea fullback Jerry Henderson and halfback Robert Ray. This will be the opening game of the season for the Rebels.

The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Friday, Sept. 26, 1952

WILL CHEER FOR REBELS — Cheer leaders have been named for the Hall Fletcher Junior High School Rebels. The team will open the season today at 8 p. m. in Memorial Stadium with a game against Canton Junior High School. Cheer leaders are: Peggy Poore, Sherry Anne Goins, Frances Fortner, Dottie Poore, Julia Ann Locke and Laura Jo Hill.

Bruce Emory
Research

Thursday, October 2, 1952

Bobby Owens Dies After Polio Attack

Bobby Owens, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Owens of 20 Westwood Place, died about 1:30 p. m. today in an Asheville hospital where he was admitted late yesterday afternoon suffering from acute bulbar polio.

Young Owens was a ninth grade student at Hall Fletcher Junior High School and a member of the school's football team.

He suffered a choking spell about 4:50 p. m. yesterday and firemen were called to the Owens home with a resuscitator. Firemen gave emergency treatment and he received dispensary treatment at Memorial Mission Hospital prior to being admitted to the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, are a brother, Roy Jr., a sister, Linda Sharon, both of the home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Gault Sr. of Gastonia; and an aunt and three uncles.

His father is a former Buncombe County deputy sheriff and a ex-member of the State Highway Patrol.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Berryman Funeral Home, are incomplete.

The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Thursday, Oct. 16, 1952

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For both teams tonight's game is more or less in memory of Bobby Owens of Hall Fletcher, whose tragic death was felt deeply by all who knew him. Owens, who was considered a brilliant football prospect was the victim of polio. His death influenced Coaches Marvin Nockow and Joe Eblen to cancel their remaining practices and games, and it was only last Thursday that Hall Fletcher resumed drills in preparation for its clash with the Terriers.

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Meanwhile, David Millard is expected to be at full strength.

The Rebels are expected to stick with their Straight-T offense, while Coach Herb Coman's Terriers will run from both the Single-Wing and Split-T.

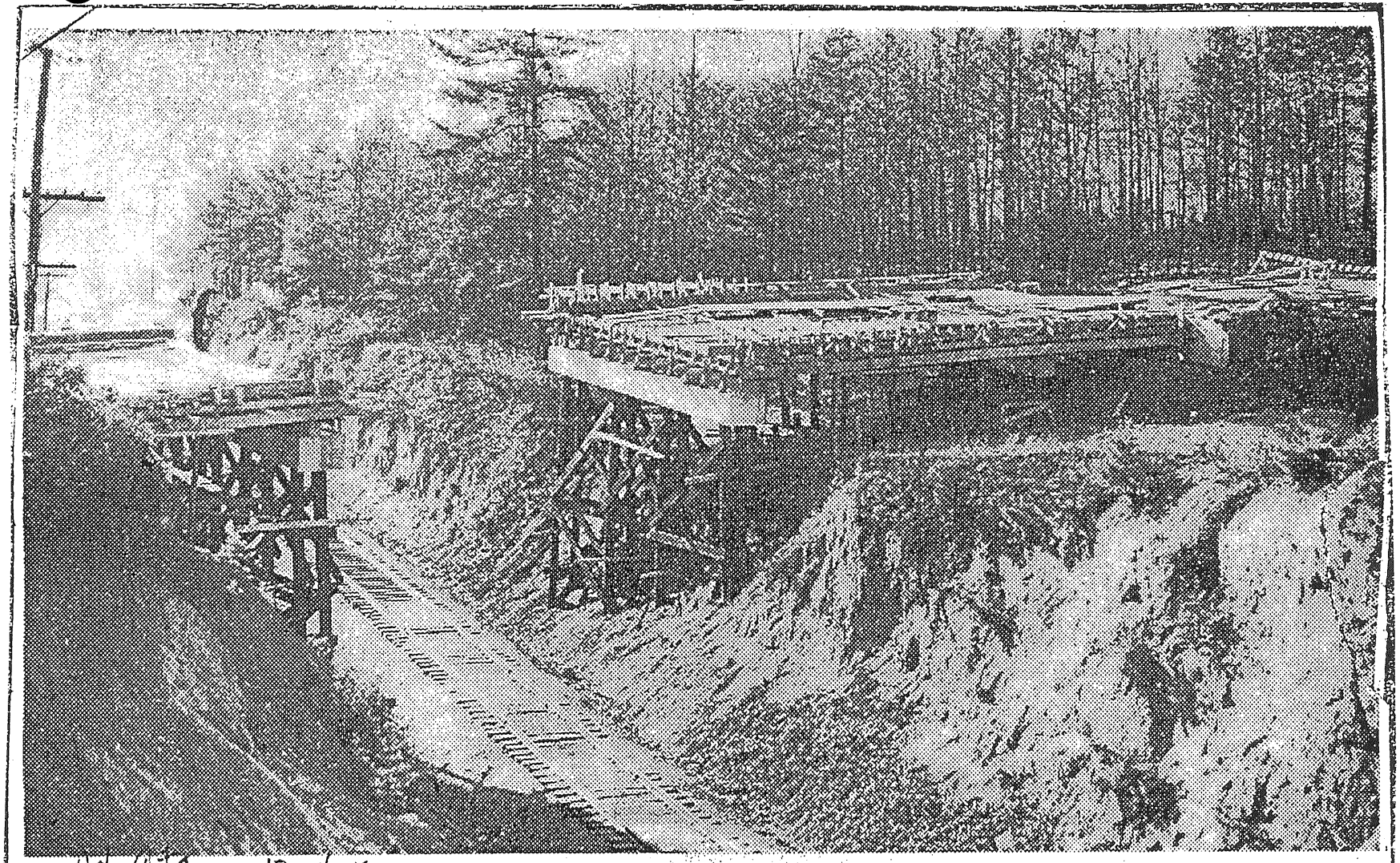
Probable starters for Hall Fletcher may have Jimmy Mills, Buddy Burrell, Billy Swann or Charlie Floyd at ends; Buster Watts and Winford Marshall at tackles; Russell Steele and Ray Mills at guards and Larry Henderson in center.

The backfield will have Jerry Brezeale at quarterback, Jerry Henderson at fullback and Bobby Snelson and Jerry Little or Robert Ray at halfbacks.

For the David Millard Terriers it may be Bruce Peterson and Henry Wilson at ends; Billy Gureninger, David Steppe or Pete Waldrop at tackles; Burt Sutton and Arthur Honeycutt at guards and Ray Bishop in center.

The backs include Pearce Weaver or Bradley Anderson at quarterback; Mike Guthrie and Leonard Payne at halfbacks and Lamar White or Cliff Foster in fullback.

The Terriers go into the game with a 1-2 record with both losses coming at the hands of Canton, while Hall Fletcher has played but one game this year losing to the same Canton team, 19-12.



—Citizen Photo—Brookshire

A SIX-SPAN OVERHEAD BRIDGE being erected over the Southern Railway just north of the old County Home Road crossing is expected to be completed about the first of the year by Dickerson Inc. of Monroe. The structure will be a part of the new Asheville-Leicester Highway. Work on the bridge was started in the early summer. The bridge will cost approximately $36,000 and will be of concrete, creosote timber pilings and structural steel. The structure has approximately a 24-foot clearance about the tracks. George R. Prescott is resident engineer for the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

Asheville Citizen December 4, 1952

Entire Community May Benefit From Organization Of Club

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the eleventh of a series dealing with the federated clubs of Asheville and the individuals who have contributed to them.)

By DOROTHY SNYDER

Have communities ever been tangibly benefitted by the organization of a woman's club? The answer might be found in the history of one of Asheville's federated clubs.

The Community Club, originally known as the West Asheville Community Club, was formed in 1923 with 115 charter members, all residents of West Asheville.

At that time West Asheville had no express delivery, no gas mains, very few telephone lines and no clubhouse. The club worked untiringly for those advantages, all of which the community has enjoyed for many years now.

"A Beautiful City" was the club slogan, and the members worked for the conservation of trees, especially dogwood and holly, and was instrumental in getting a swimming pool for West Asheville.

These are only a few of the projects which have been undertaken by the club since tis organization, and their success of course is due to the unflagging zeal of the members through the years.

Mrs. J. Wall Anderson, who was the club's first secretary, is a charter member of the group. With the exception of Mrs. D. L. Gross, who is at present living in Milwaukee where her husband is stationed with the Navy, Mrs. Anderson is the only charter member still active in the club, which will observe its 30th birthday this year.

During those years, Mrs. Anderson has held practically every office in the club and has headed scores of committees. She has also served as district president of federated clubs, the highest district office and one which entails the responsibility of supervising the work of all federated clubs in the section.

Mrs. Anderson's work in civic projects has not been limited to the Community Club, however. Since coming to Asheville during World War I, she has been active in many organizations. For some time she has been on the board of trustees of Pack Memorial Library, and for the past 10 years has been working with the board to get a library in West Asheville—a library which is now nearing completion.

For 16 years Mrs. Anderson has served on the board of directors of the Buncombe County Children's Home—a work that she has especially enjoyed. During these years she has devoted a great deal of time to work at the home, and the children, who love her, look forward to her visits. She has missed only two of the annual Christmas parties at the home, and has planned the parties a number of times.

Though she has no children of her own, Mrs Anderson has been keenly interested in child welfare, and for many years was a member of the Vance School Parent-Teachers Association. She was one of a group of women who started a lunchroom at Vance School in the days when the school was first built.

Mrs. Anderson is a member of the Fanny Patton Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and is at present serving as its vice president. She also is a member of Esther Chapter 12, Order of the Eastern Star, and has served as worthy matron of the chapter.

For thirty years Mrs. Anderson was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church and was a member of the church choir. When St. George Episcopal Church was formed in West Asheville, however, she felt that she was more needed there and is now an active worker in the new church.

MRS. J. WALL ANDERSON

Mrs. Anderson, the former Miss Almira Mahan, was born and reared in Baltimore. She and Mr. Anderson, now retired after working with the Railway Express Company for many years, moved to Asheville about 1917. Several years later they built a house in West Asheville and since that time have seen the community grow at a rapid rate.

Mrs. Anderson is a woman who enjoys club work, and she has been willing to serve in any capacity. There is no doubt, however, that the work she has most enjoyed has been in those projects which have contributed to the up building of West Asheville.

—Citizen Photo

SATURDAY'S POPPY DAY SALES for Asheville are being arranged by this committee of the auxiliaries of American Legion posts. L to R, front row, Mrs. R. E. Noland, Mrs. W. W. Ballew and Mrs. Grace I. Scruggs, president of the Rockwell-Ballew Post Auxiliary; back row, Mrs. J. A. Grove, sales chairman for the Rockwell-Ballew Auxiliary; Mrs. J. L. Hall and Mrs. L. M. Aiken, co-chairmen for the West Asheville Post Auxiliary. The sales of the poppies are to honor the dead of America's wars and help the living disabled veterans of these wars.

Asheville Citizen May 1, 1953

W. A. LIBRARY DEDICATION SUNDAY

A Cultural Milestone

,A dream of years standing will come true next Sunday with the dedication of the West Asheville branch of Pack Memorial Library. A committee of civic leaders who envisioned a larger field of service for our public library have worked indefatigably for months toward this goal. They received the hearty support of our city officials and when an appropriation was made for a structure to house the West Asheville firefighters, the library branch was made a unit in the project.

Now it behooves West Asheville citizens to show their appreciation by availing themselves of the facilities of the new library. Miss Margaret Ligon, city library director, has assured us that she will do everything within her power to make the West Asheville library attractive to the public. The rich field for this undertaking is better understood when it is realized that approximately 20,000 residents of Asheville live on the west side of the French Broad River. It is reassuring to know that their cultural needs will be adequately provided for.

City manager Weldon Weir and the City Council are to be congratulated that this dream has become a reality. It is a forward step toward a more livable and better Asheville.

THE ASHEVILLE NEWS,

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1953

Citizen Times — 5-29-53

WELL STOCKED BRANCH LIBRARY TO OPEN FOR SERVICE MONDAY

Dedication Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock of the new Pack Meforial Library branch on Haywood Road, will mark a milestone in the progress of West Asheville. The library will share with the Fire Department, the new $100,000 building erected by the city. Miss Margaret Ligon, Pack Library supervisor, is enthusiastic about the literary facilities offered to the 20,000 citizens of Asheville living west of the French Broad River for which the structure with capacity for 8,000 volumes is admirably adapted. The library will be opened Monday morning with Mrs. Doan Ogden in charge and Mrs. Edith F. Jones, assistant. Anne Cloninger will be library page. Library hours will be from 9 to 6 o'clock daily.

Sunday atfernoon's dedication exercises, Miss Ligon, announced, will be appropriate to the day and occasion. Miss Annie Westall, chairman of the Library Board, will preside. Rev. Nane Starnes, pastor of the West Asheville Baptist Church, will give the invocation. George H. Wright will make a short talk dealing with development of the public library in Asheville. The Hall Fletcher Junior High School band will play several numbers. The new library building unit will be presented to the citizens of West Asheville by Vice-Mayor Walter I. Abernathy with L. J. Montgomery responding. Miss Ligon will then introduce Mrs. Ogden, the branch librarian, followed by the benediction by Rev. J. H. Brendle, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church.

Plans for the West Asheville branch library were initiated a year or more ago by a committee of 15 of which Mrs. J. Wall Anderson is chairman and L. J. Montgomery, vice-chairman. Others on this committee include Mrs. Edward Coulson, Mrs. Curtis Snipes, Mrs. Keith Bradley, Mrs. C. M. Hills, Jr., Mrs. Austin Thompson, Mrs. George Todd, Mrs. Harry Atkins, Mrs. Dan Scott Mrs. J. W. Snow, Albert Fortune, Harold Hicks, E. B. Roberts, W. E. Michael and Kelly Roberts.

Mrs. Curtis Snipes is publicity chairman. Mrs. Wall Anderson is chairman of the Flowers Committee with Mrs. Coulson and Mrs. Bradley as co-members.

In discussing the new library branch, Miss Ligon said, "We have tried to anticipate the needs of the West Aseville reading public. We have the best basic stock that we could buy with at least 95 per cent new books. We have a small but good reference collection."

Mrs. Ogden, the librarian is a graduate of Western Reserve and Chatauqua School for Librarians, Chatauqua, N. Y. She came to Asheville from Michigan and served for a time on the staff of the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Oteen. During the past 15 months she has been connected with Pack Memorial Library.

Upon entering the library the visitor is immediately impressed with the extended panorama seen through the south windows with Mount Pisgah capping the view. The atmosphere is one of cultural inspiration.

The building of contemporary style, was designed by Six Associates. The shelves and other woodwork are of birch. The room is illuminated by overhead flourescent lighting. Columns are tinted in Swedish red. The floor is of slate gray tile. Windows run the full length of the library on the north and south sides. The building is designed so that the sun oes not enter the reading room except uring part of the winter. An electric charging machine has been installed. A metal book lift from the basement is a labor saving device.

Z. B. Robinson and Son are contractors for the dual purpose building. The sub-contractors are: United Electric Co., lighting; Price Piping Co., heating; V .M. Lyle Painting; and Moser Plumbing Co., plumbing.

A large basement room, as yet unfinished, will be equipped as the Children's Department. The basement has an outside entrance.

The Asheville public library is second in circulation in North Carolina, being outranked only by Charlotte.

Card holders of the main library may use the facilities of the West Asheville branch and the same courtesy will be extended to residents holding West Asheville cards.

Asheville Citizen Times May 29, 1953

W.A. LIBRARY DEDICATION SUNDAY

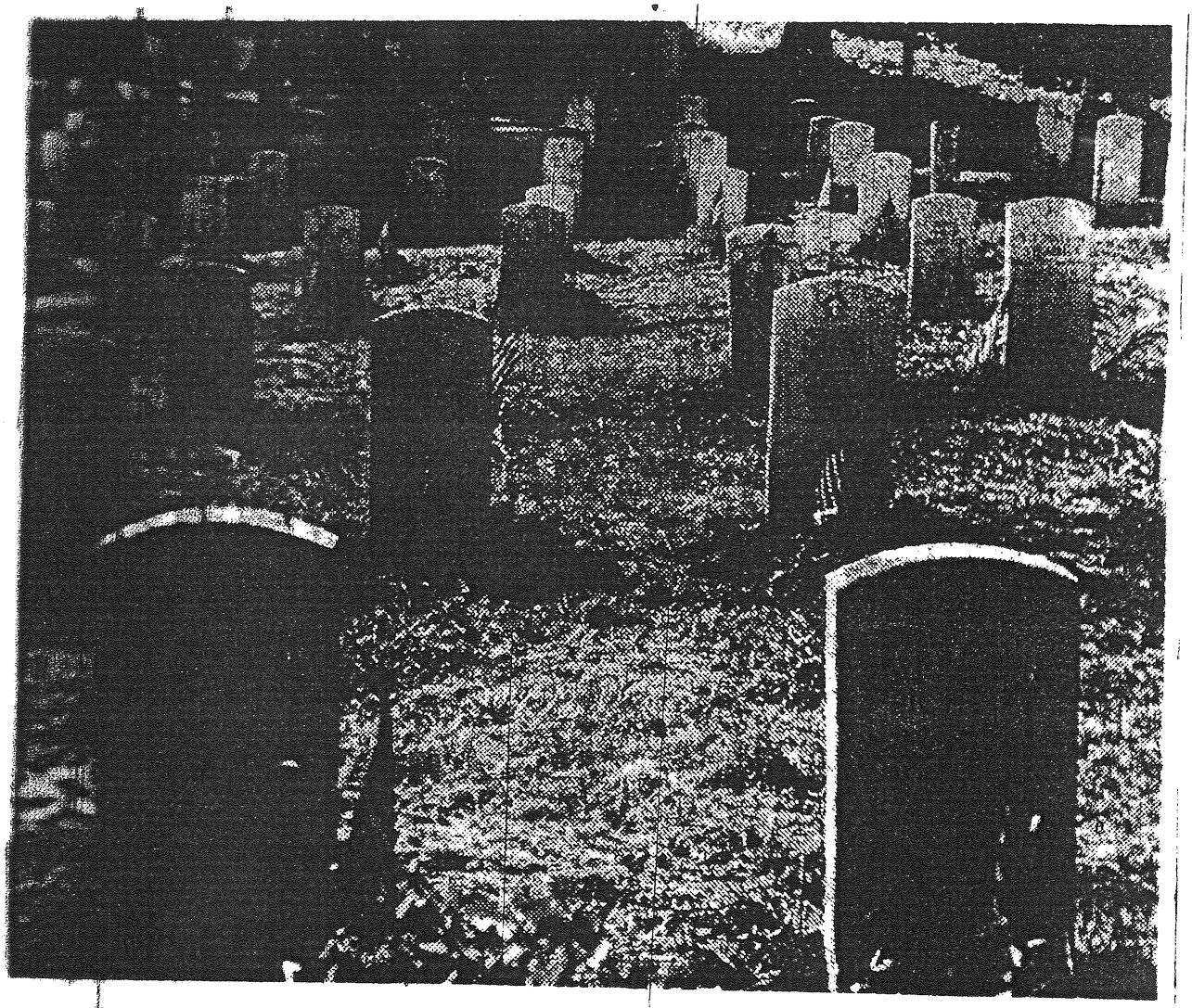
THE ASHEVILLE NEWS, FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1953

A Cultural Milestone

,A dream of years standing will come true next Sunday with the dedication of the West Asheville branch of Pack Memorial Library. A committee of civic leaders who envisioned a larger field of service for our public library have worked indefatigably for months toward this goal. They received the hearty support of our city officials and when an appropriation was made for a structure to house the West Asheville firefighters, the library branch was made a unit in the project.

Now it behooves West Asheville citizens to show their appreciation by availing themselves of the facilities of the new library. Miss Margaret Ligon, city library director, has assured us that she will do everything within her power to make the West Asheville library attractive to the public. The rich field for this undertaking is better understood when it is realized that approximately 20,000 residents of Asheville live on the west side of the French Broad River. It is reassuring to know that their cultural needs will be adequately provided for.

City manager Weldon Weir and the City Council are to be congratulated that this dream has become a reality. It is a forward step toward a more livable and better Asheville.



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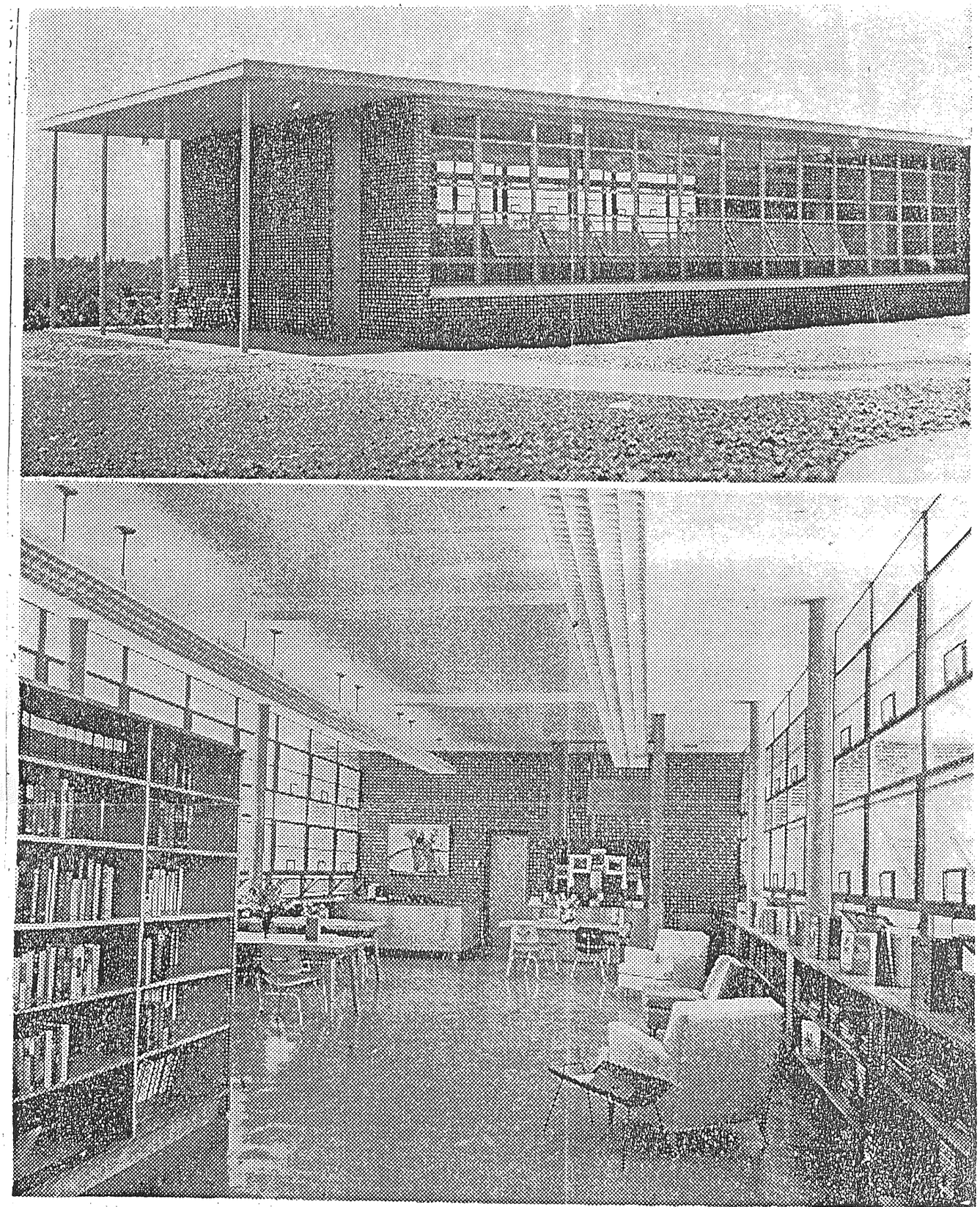
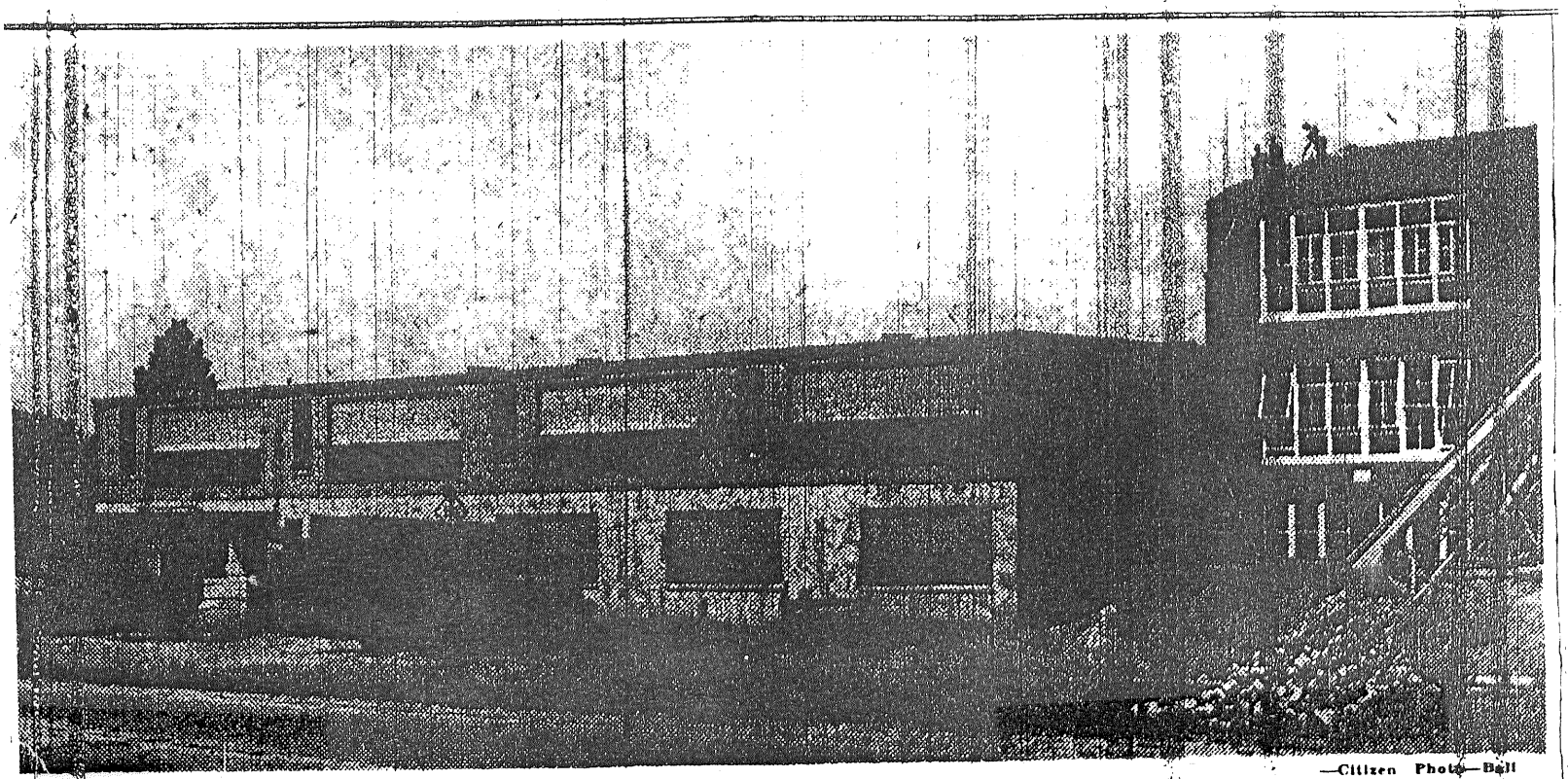
ASHEVILLE'S WAR DEAD were honored by a memorial service in Riverside Cemetery yesterday conducted by American Legion posts of the city. Flags at each marker were placed by West Asheville Memorial Post 335, Rockwell Ballew Post No. 2 and C. W. Francis Post 29 of Oteen. Tribute was paid by the veterans organization to the fallen comrades in arms.

Asheville Citizen May 30, 1953



THE WEST ASHEVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY of Pack Memorial library was dedicated yesterday afternoon before an audience of several hundred persons. Following the dedication visitors were taken on a tour of the building, including the new West Asheville fire substation. Speakers during the event were L to R (top) Miss Annie Westall, chairman of the library board of trustees; George Wright, past board chairman; Miss Margaret Ligon, librarian; the Rev. Colonel Bessinger, Vice Mayor Walter I. Abernathy, the Rev. J. E. Brendall and L. J. Montgomery, vice president, Friends of the Library. **Center,** exterior view of the branch library, and **bottom,** an interior view of the spacious reading room of the Haywood Road library building. The new library will be open at 9 a. m. today and will close at 6 p. m.

Asheville Citizen June 1, 1953



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NEW AYCOCK SCHOOL BUILDING stands beside old building at right which will be virtually replaced by another structure. The wing at left containing classrooms, with cafeteria in the basement, is scheduled to be completed some time in August. New building which will be at right will contain auditorium, classrooms, principal's office and clinic. It will not be completed for use in the fall term.

Asheville Citizen June 10, 1953

More Nurses Sought In Anti-Polio Fight

Plans for reinforcing Buncombe County nursing personnel to meet demands of polio stricken areas in the state were made at a conference of Red Cross officials and city and county health officers yesterday at Red Cross chapter offices in the County Courthouse.

The principal problem discussed was the recruitment of additional nurses for service at the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital, which has recently received a number of polio patients from other sections, notably Caldwell County.

Officials at the conference felt that the present nursing needs at the hospital would be fully met with the arrival today of one additional nurse and the expected arrival of three more in the near future.

Extra nurses for service at the Orthopedic Hospital are recruited by the national Red Cross organization, and employed by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, officials said.

It was stressed that there is no present polio emergency in Buncombe County, where no new cases have developed in the past week. The nursing problem is caused by the need to care for cases from other areas.

Present at the conference were Miss Pauline Powell, superintendent of the Orthopedic Hospital; Miss Ida Reid Cohen, City health department; Miss Elaine Washburn, District Nurses' Association; Dr. H. C. Whims, Buncombe County health officer, and Frank Barber, acting chairman of the county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Red Cross representatives were Miss Loretta Roberts of Atlanta, Ga., nursing representative for North Carolina; Mrs. Maude Morgan, Buncombe County chapter chairman for nurse enrollment; Mrs. J. M. Horner Jr., chapter chairman for nurse enrollment; Mrs. J. M. Horner Jr., chapter chairman for nursing service; Mrs. Frank Hill, chapter disaster nurse, and W. B. Dibrell, chapter executive director.

Polio in '53

Montgomery's wholesale assault on the polio virus with gamma globulin inoculation will be watched with interest even as the country keeps an uneasy eye on the nationwide incidence of the disease which struck 57,000 children last year. For the book, 1952 was the worst year. What about 1953?

The Alabama epidemic has claimed three lives among 81 victims so far this year. Experience demonstrates that polio usually strikes first in the "disease year" (beginning April 1) somewhere in the South and works northward. Mid-June figures of the U. S. Public Health Service show polio incidence running about 16 per cent higher than in 1952. And the "worst" months, so to speak, are yet to come.

Gamma globulin, the human blood derivative containing antibodies which combat polio, is being given to some 30,000 children in Montgomery County at a cost of one million dollars. It is a preventive treatment, but only partially so. The effects are said to wear off in about a month. The most that can be hoped for in Montgomery, then, is to arrest the spread of the disease.

Pending the development of a suitable vaccine (we'll get to that in a moment), gamma globulin appears to be the best weapon in the slender armory of the polio fighters. Field tests on 55,000 children begun in 1951 showed a high resistance to the disease and in any case a reduction in the severity of polio where it developed during the first week after inoculation.

The evidence was conclusive that gamma globulin gave "significant protection against paralytic poliomyelitis in natural infection of man."

A safe, effective vaccine may not be far distant. Diagnostic tests of a developed serum are now in the laboratory stage. As with the case of gamma globulin now, the vaccine will be in short supply for two years even after it is proved beyond challenge. In the meantime every household knows or can easily learn the few basic precautions against infantile paralysis, the killer and maimer surely doomed as medical science and the dimes and dollars of Americans continue to mobilize for the counter-attack.

Asheville Citizen July 3, 1953

Tree Planting In Rhododendron Park Not Supported By Public

This might be called a story about a noble experiment that has collapsed under the weight of public indifference.

About 10 years ago some alert minds conceived the idea of planting a great variety of trees in Rhododendron Park in West Asheville, each specimen being properly labeled so that the public, strolling through the park could get a sort of horseback course in common garden variety of forestry.

The project was carried out with considerable energy. Little cast iron brackets, such as might be found in a formal garden, were used to carry the identification cards of each of the trees. It was a nice deal, although unfortunately it was not attended by enough publicity to make the general public conscious of the importance of what was being done.

For that reason when children, roaming through the park, found the little metal brackets, they had not been properly educated about their importance or the need for preserving them. It did not take long to discover that they were made of cast iron and were therefore brittle and could be broken off with a gentle bonk with a stick or stone. So the little brackets got bonked and the signs on the trees began to disappear and the public went heedlessly on its way paying no attention to what was happening.

It does not take much imagination to picture the fine constructive effect that this park full of labelled Western North Carolina hardwoods could provide for a visiting class of school children under the guidance of an intelligent and alert teacher. It would provide an exciting outing which would brief the youngsters on the trees of this section of the state and their importance to the people.

Th sad fact that the little markers got bonked does not mean that the project is dead or that the good it can do cannot go down the years. No doubt the City Parks department would be glad to cooperate with any agency interested in remarking the trees, together with a promotional campaign to let the public know just what is being done and why. No one really believes that the youngsters are so vicious and given to marauding tactics that they could not be made to understand the significance and importance of this practical demonstration.

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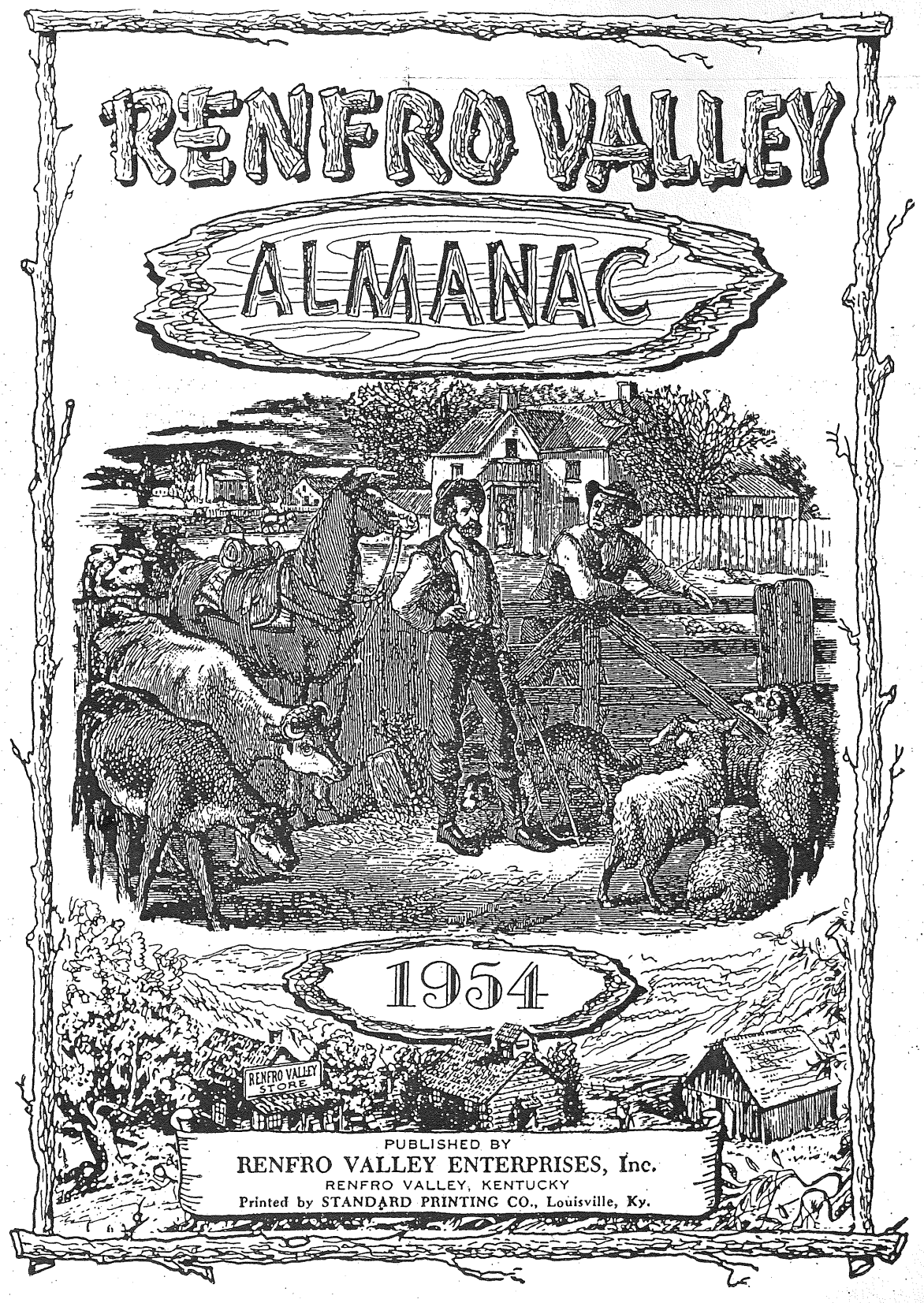

At the annual All-Day Sing for 1953 the Gospel Quartet Contest was re-instated and the winners of the Championship title and first place money were the Tonemasters, of Asheville, North Carolina, pictured above. Ruel Thomas, Director of the Sing is handing them their check while two of the judges, Keifer Vaughn, left, and Vep Ellis, right, look on approvingly.

The all-day-singin'-and-dinner-on-the-grounds held each year in Renfro Valley on the first Sunday in August carries on a tradition of long standing in Rural America, dating back to the publication of the first book, The Bay Psalm Book, in 1640. A part of one of the psalms it contains is given below and is from the copy of this rare old book in our Pioneer Museum.

Photo, August, 1953

Tuesday, August 18 1953

Plans Outlined For Civic Center In West Asheville

Plans for public use of the new West Asheville Community Center in the basement of the West Asheville fire station and branch library were discussed today at a meeting of civic and City officials.

Miss Augusta Barnett, director of recreation, conferred with representatives of the West Asheville Lions and Rotary clubs, and the West Asheville Businessmen's Association on plans for the opening and use of the center.

It is hoped to open the center early next month.

The civic groups will use the center for business and dinner meetings. The City will operate a youth recreation program there probably two afternoons and one evening a week, Miss Barnett said.

The City also will employ a center director who will supervise activities there, she said.

Boost In Bus Fares Authorized In City

15-Cent Rate Will Take Effect Sunday

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White Transportation Co. was granted permission by the State Utilities Commission in Raleigh yesterday to raise its fares here from 10 to 15 cents.

The commission order includes the rate of two tokens for 25 cents.

The commission authorized the company to put the new rates into effect on five days' notice. Company President J. Colvin White said they would take effect Sunday.

The order does not affect the concern's rates for school tickets, which are 10 for 50 cents. The company did not seek a change for these rates.

At the same time, however, Commissioner Sam O. Worthington warned that the increase may result in the company's losing customers.

The company had said it could not continue operating in Asheville and Raleigh without an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses.

The increase was permitted, the commission said, because it appeared that the firm otherwise would have been unable to serve the people who depend on bus transportation in Asheville.

Worthington also said the company must make some adjustments and efforts to solve its financial problems.

He said the case shows that the payment of salaries and other payments to individuals of what he termed "large sums" was not in keeping with good business policy of a company "in the financial condition of the applicant."

At the commission's hearing here early last month on the application for the increase, the salaries of the firm's principal officers were listed as $13,000 annually for J. Colvin White, the president; and $8,400 annually for Pat Burdette, the treasurer.

Last February rates identical with those permitted in yesterday's order were authorized for the company's Raleigh operations.

In Asheville, the company increased fares in 1947 from 6 cents to 10 cents, with six tickets priced at 40 cents, weekly passes at $1, school passes, 10 for 35 cents.

The passes in 1948 were increased to $1.25, tickets to 50 cents for six, but no changes were made in the cash fare or the cost of the school tickets.

In 1950, the company eliminated the passes and increased the school rates from 35 cents to 50 cents for ten tickets.

Last year, the company reported a $17,611.43 deficit for its total operations, in Raleigh and Asheville. In 1951, the losses for the combined operations were listed at $54,990.94.

The company in its application for the most recent increase said the raise in fares would produce a net profit of $16,977.41 for 1953.

Retention of the old rates, an audit said, would produce a loss estimated at $36,000 for 1953.

Commissioner Fred C. Hunter, author of the majority order, said the company is "heavily indebted and is delinquent in payment of taxes and interest on notes secured by mortgages on its equipment."

Hunter said the company "is operating in the red and the chief reason is that the citizens of Asheville . . . prefer the comfort and convience of their own private automobiles."

Asheville Citizen September 15, 1953

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Asheville, North Carolina Tuesday, September 22, 1953 Section Two

Youth Center Supervisors Are Named

Names of supervisors of city youth centers were announced today by Miss Augusta Barnett, director of the Recreation Department, under which the centers operate. The supervisors for the nine-month season are:

Mrs. Mary Young, West Asheville Center; Mrs. Elynora Foster, Teen Canteen; Mrs. Isma James, Burton Street Center; Miss Gladys Cowan, Asheland Avenue Center.

Yet to be named is a permanent supervisor for the Young Center in the Basement of City Auditorium.

Miss Barnett also disclosed that the new West Asheville Center will open October 5 and will observe an activities schedule of two evenings and one afternoon a week. Hours will be 7 to 9 p. m. Mondays, 3 to 6 p. m. Thursdays, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m. Fridays.

Directing activities in the Boys' Athletic Leagues this fall are Dotson Blakely, W. P. Griffin, and O. S. Clark. The leagues feature touch or six-man football.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP was put into action by the square dance team of Vance Elementary School when they selected five of the group to demonstrate their actions and dress. Left to right: Sandra Kay Price, Jimmy Sitton, leader; Jean Smith, Jenny Sitton and Tommy McDevit.

School Echoes

Vance Elementary Square Dancers To Take Part In Charlotte Fair

By MARGUERITE ALEXANDER

Hey Ho, come to the fair, is the invitation of the old ballad, and fifth and sixth grade students of the square dance team at Vance Elementary School have received just such an invitation.

The group literally danced themselves into the invitation this summer when they performed at a convention in Grove Park Inn. The dancers caught the eye of John McDowell, head of the Southern States Fair at Charlotte, and he invited them to participate in the event which will be held Thursday and Friday of this week.

The team will dance such figures as Carolina Star, grape vine, twist the wagon wheel, build the bridge, ocean wave and four leaf clover.

Mrs. Homer Smith and Mrs. T. J. Smith have helped the team with their costumes. The girls wear one piece dresses, red, with white ruffles, and the boys wear gray pants, white shirts and red bow ties.

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Asheville Citizen September 28, 1953

Asheville, North Carolina Tuesday, October 6, 1953

Asheville News Briefly

Community Center Will Be Dedicated This Evening

The new West Asheville community center will be dedicated today at 7 p. m. at ceremonies during a meeting of the West Asheville Business Association in the new building at the corner of Haywood Road and Clinton Street.

The new center houses a branch of the Pack Memorial Library, a fire department company, a youth center and meeting hall with a kitchen.

Speaker for the event will be J. W. Byers, superintendent of city schools. The invocation will be given by the Rev. T. A. Groce.

The Rev. W. T. Thomas will report on progress of the West Asheville youth and recreation center. Beaman Pinner will be program chairman.

Attending the ceremonies will be Mayor Earl Eller; Councilmen Walter Abernethy and Frank Mulvaney Miss Augusta Barnett, city director of recreation; and Mrs. Mary Young, supervisor of the youth center.

COMMUNITY CENTER DEDICATED—The new West Asheville Community Center in the basement of the Haywood Road Fire Station was dedicated at a Ladies Night program of the West Asheville Business Association last night. Participating in the dedication were J. W. Byers, superintendent of schools and principal speaker, and Mrs. Byers; Albert Fortune, president of the association, and Mrs. Fortune, Beaman Pinner, program chairman of the association, and Mrs. Pinner; Mayor and Mrs. Earl W. Eller, and Councilman and Mrs. Frank Mulvaney. Byers called for continued work in behalf of the city's youth.

Ends Four Years Of Preparation

A-Citizen April 19, 1954

By Bill Lindau

The fires in the coke ovens on Avery St. died the night of April 4 for only the second time in 51 years.

The last time that had happened in the coal gas manufacturing plant was an accident. The flood of 1916 did it then.

This time, it was deliberate. And it marked the end of artificial gas in Asheville.

Propane was still going to the West Asheville customers of the Public Service Co. of North Carolina from the mixing plant on Haywood Rd. But soon this was to be replaced by the natural gas in the new line snaking 15,000 feet from the Avery St. plant across Pearson Bridge to Bingham Heights and the new Gorham Manufacturing Co. plant.

Natural gas for all practical purposes entered Asheville two days before the fires on Avery St. died. The Kenilworth section was the first section of the city to be cut into the new distribution system.

Initially, reported A. T. Carper, Public Service Co.'s vice president in charge of engineering and construction, the flow of the new gas into the city is 350,000 cubic feet a day, including the supply scheduled for Gorham.

In 10 years, he said, this will reach approximately 8,000,000 cubic feet a day.

Besides West Asheville and central Asheville, natural gas service is planned for Biltmore and the Beaver Lake section.

Outside of Asheville, Carper said, a line will be extended through the Oakley section to Oteen.

Also planned is an extension to Enka, but the date is not definite.

Possible also, but just possible, is a line to the Spruce Pine mineral district, which includes Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties. But this, Carper said, is not definite. There have been requests for natural gas service from that area.

The turning of the valve at the Sweeten Creek Rd. regulation and meter station, sending natural gas into Kenilworth, climaxed four years of preparation for the introduction of this fuel into the Asheville area.

It also launched the big conversion job by the men of the Asheville division office reinforced by crews from Public Service Co.'s offices in the sections of the state farther east.

At the same time, workers of the Louisiana-Mississippi Pipeline Construction Co. of North Carolina were laying the pipe across the French Broad River into West Asheville. This is the firm that built the line from near Kings Mountain into the western part of the state.

First on the list for the conversion of the ranges, water heaters and refrigerators from manufactured to natural gas were Asheville's business houses, like the restaurants. Next came the residential areas.

If the experience of Raleigh is an indication, the outlook for natural gas in Asheville is for greater use than ever. Since last August, when the state capital converted to natural gas, 800 more meters have been installed. A meter represents any number of customers from a single household to a large apartment building. The expanded use of gas brought the installation of heating units.

One large restaurant here was scheduled to install gas-fired boilers soon after the conversion was made.

In Asheville, the installation of gas meters rose from 1,807 in 1920

THEY ALL CAME TO THE WEDDING—When Christine Rebecca Helton was married to John Henderson Nicholson yesterday in West Asheville Baptist Church all her little "brothers and sisters" from Eliada Home were on the front row. The night before they gave a reception for her in the home. At top left young gentlemen from Eliada arrive by special bus for the wedding; top center, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson leave the church; top right, Eliada children eye the bride-to-be at the reception. Lower left, a little girl gets a bite of wedding cake from Rebecca; lower right, the bride to be helps get the children to bed after the reception. The other picture shows the children at Eliada waiting for the cake to be cut. (Times photos by Bob Sherrill, bridal couple by Juanita Wilson)

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Buildings & EQUIPMENT

Community Center Library

MRS. DOAN R. OGDEN
Librarian, Haywood Road Branch Library
West Asheville, N. C.

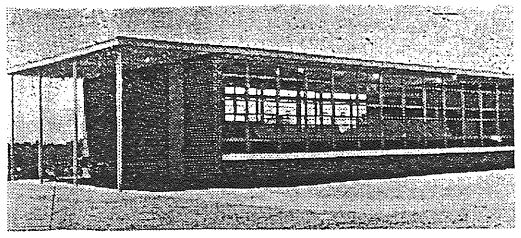
ASHEVILLE, North Carolina's mountain city, boasts a branch library that may fix a new concept of the library and the community as joined hand-in-hand.

Haywood Road, a branch of the Pack Memorial Library, is the first branch library to be opened in North Carolina in a building erected for that specific purpose, and the first state branch to open with an electric charging machine in operation. It is in community service as it is included, as a city project, under the same roof with a fire department and a community center.

In common with all new libraries, this one is the result of long-time deliberation on the part of the Board of Trustees and the librarian, Margaret Ligon, of Pack Memorial. The west side of Asheville was, prior to the last war, a fairly remote section of the city reached by crossing an old bridge across the French Broad River. During the war years the population increased rapidly and the Smoky Mountain Park Highway opened a large, new territory which developed into acres of small homes and housing developments.

Library service to the west end became a popular demand as well as a practical necessity. When the city planned a new fire station and community center Miss Ligon and her Board moved into action, convincing the city fathers a three-way project would best answer the community's needs.

The building is of fire resistive masonry and contemporary design. Anthony Lord, of The Six Associates, architectural and engineering firm, was architect for the project since Mr. Lord is a member of the Library Board.



The Haywood Road Branch, Pack Memorial Library, Asheville, North Carolina (Citizen-Times photos by June Glenn)

Facing West Asheville's main street, the fire station is entered directly from the street and the library is in a right angle wing. Its entrance has a parking space which accommodates eight cars, then drops down three wide steps to an hospitable walk, a front porch furnished—in season—with outdoor furniture, and a side entrance.

The corner lot drops off at the back and the community center, with its own generous parking area, is under the fire station with a side street approach. Also at grade level and served by the community center parking area is the spacious room under the library proper, which will eventually become a children's room for the library, its own entrance through a proposed playground area.

The building's trim of bright yellow, Swedish coral, and turquoise, is carried into the library. The two end walls of the interior are of exposed brick and both long sides of the room are of glass from high ceiling to waist-high windows that frame, on one side, a magnificent view of Asheville's famed Mount Pisgah and the Pisgah range. A series of thermostatically controlled convectors recessed under the windows provide the source of heat. The floor is of grey rubber tile. Furnishings, including the charging desk, catalog, and bookstacks, are lacquered and waxed birch wood, and, with the exception of the catalog, were built locally. Tables have panel flush doors for surfaces and lounge chairs are of foam-rubber with plastic coverings of coral and yellow. Upright chairs of Eames design in natural birch and alternate black, and black magazine and newspaper racks, and a coffee table add a contemporary look. Desk and work counters are of heavy black linoleum and the many bulletin boards are of cork.

Approximately $8,000.00 was spent on books and furnishings for the building and every cent of it has already paid many dividends. Community gratitude is frequently expressed that there is adequate parking space available and city attire is not required.

The staff includes a librarian, a full-time assistant, and a part-time page. Hours are 9 A.M.—6 P.M. every day except Sunday. Patronage has been steady and growing.

Mechanically speaking, the branch operates as a separate unit. It has its own book budget and all buying, cataloging, and processing are its own concern. This feature pleases patrons who, typically, like to see the new books arrive and like to handle them in the jackets. A high percentage of the books come through the processing with "requests" on them. Thus the branch library retains its own identity and is able to give highly personalized service. These public-relations factors, coupled with the established and popular main library policies of issuing unlimited amounts of books and renewing by telephone, are irresistible.

The adult borrower's card from the main library is interchangeable with the branch but all children are reregistered since no borrower's card is issued under the ninth grade. In keeping with previous policy, no returned book is ever refused, therefore there is always a small residue to be carried back and forth between main and branch and vice versa, but this has not yet become a problem. All bookkeeping and publicity have been retained at the main library in the interest of co-ordination, and close relations are maintained with its order-catalog department.

Haywood Road was opened with a basic collection of 2,500 new books which had to be rapidly augmented with a loan of several hundred volumes from the North Carolina Library Commission. The first month's circulation was 4,365 and its peak was 5,933 the second month. The book collection doubled in eight months of operation.

Traffic between the library and the community center flows steadily back and forth to their mutual benefit.

The only concern on the part of administrative officials and department staffs in the community center was for inter-department co-operation. However, the co-operative efforts have been outstanding. The firemen, who are notably great readers, borrow books and help with mechanical problems whenever possible. The community center and the library are working in such close relationship it is sometimes hard to know where one begins and the other leaves off. The three-way project is counted a success—economically, co-operatively and functionally. It is anticipated that the whipped-cream on the cake will be added when the proposed playground area, with its courts and pool, is finished.

Culture, recreation, and community protection go hand-in-hand in West Asheville and if the building ever has an inscription it could easily read something like this: "We kindle the flames of education, culture, and recreation, and quench those of ignorance and carelessness."

Saturday, May 15, 1954

ALLISON HAMLIN NAHIKIAN

ADVERTISE CHURCH EVENT—Shirley Allison, Joan Hamlin and Marta Nahikian, members of the Young People's Service League of St. George's Episcopal Church, are getting ready to pass out handbills advertising the spring festival planned by the church Thursday. The event will begin at 10 a. m. and continue all day. Funds raised will be used for the church building fund.

Bruce Emory
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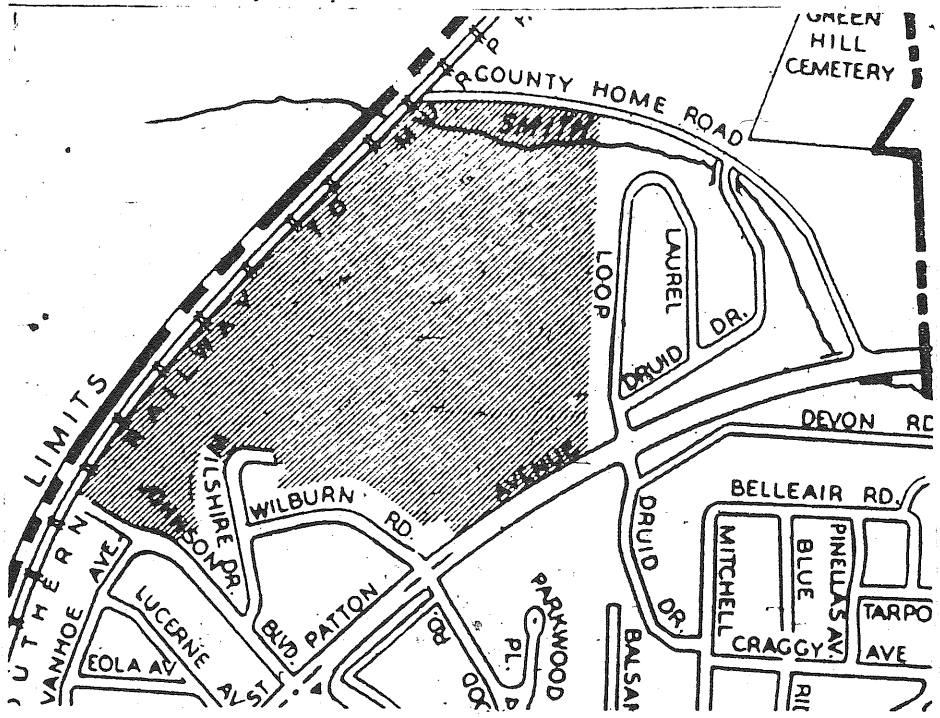

DEVELOPMENT SITE—The 65-acre shaded area in the above map will be developed by Wilshire Park, Inc. The tract contains 100 lots and a five-acre tract for First Lutheran Church property.

Lutheran Church Members Will Develop 65-Acre Tract To Finance Building Plan

Asheville Times May 18, 1954

A dozen members of First Lutheran Church are going into the real estate business to help their church finance construction of a new building, a parochial school and a parsonage.

They have formed a non-profit corporation, and obtained an option on 65 acres of land on Patton Avenue between Laurel Loop and Johnston Boulevard.

Plans are to divide the property into 100 residential lots reserving a five-acre trac; for the church's building program.

Known as Wilshire Park, Inc., the firm is headed by V. G. Moser, with Rex Smathers Jr. as vice president; James Peterson, secretary; and Glenn Isaac, treasurer.

A drive is now under way among members of the church to raise $15,000 for the initial phase of the re-location and building program. The money will be used to purchase the property.

Moser, Smathers, with the pastor of the church, the Rev. E. H. Fassnau, Alfred Schleiter and Eugene Blackwell compose a committee named to obtain a site for the re-location.

The church has been located for many years at the intersection of South French Broad Avenue and Hilliard Streets. Additions have been made to the building in recent years, but additional property is not available for expansion.

Moser said today that some of the Wilshire Park lots have been tentatively sold.

The tract is owned by W. P. Shuford.

Monday, May 24, 1954

Asheville News Briefly

Summer Recreation Program Opens In City Parks June 15

A summer recreation program of supervised play at 10 white and four Negro playgrounds will begin June 15 and continue five-days-a-week until Aug. 20.

Plans for the summer program—including organized baseball—were announced today by Miss Augusta Barnett, director of the municipal Recreation Department.

Playgrounds open this summer will be Aston Park, Kenilworth Park, Malvern Hills Park, Claxton School, Montford Park, Biltmore School, Weaver Park, Hall Fletcher School, Rankin School, and Grace School (two days a week), Asheland Avenue School, Burton Street School, Mountain Street School, and Walton Street Park.

Handicrafts will be offered at Rankin, Montford, Biltmore, Claxton, Malvern, Aston, Weaver and Hall Fletcher once a week.

The Youth Center in the basement of City Auditorium will be open from 8 to 10 p. m. Tuesdays and Fridays during the summer, and the West Asheville Center from 8 to 10 Mondays and Friday, 3 to 6 p. m. Thursdays and 9 a. m. to noon, Saturdays.

Asheville Times May 24, 1954

Wednesday, May 26, 1954

—Times Photo by Malcolm Gamble

GOING DOWN—Service stations on Tunnel Road apparently started a price war several months ago when they began selling gasoline below the standard figure that had prevailed before that time. One by one cut rate signs went up until today the price of regular gasoline had been pared from 31.9 cents to 25.9 cents per gallon. Premium grade motor fuels have been similiarly reduced. This picture was made at Marshall's Service Station in West Asheville. All of them still follow one custom—they put the fraction of a cent in very small figures.

Bruce Emory
Research

The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Monday, May 31, 1954

FITZGERALD BOB GROCE WARREN T. A. GROCE

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY—The quarterly conference of Abernethy Methodist Church met yesterday and approved plans to start work immediately on a new educational building. The official board then moved to the site and after a short service the first spadefuls of earth were turned in preparation for the foundation of the new building. Taking part were the Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald, superintendent of the Asheville Methodist District; the Rev. E. J. Nease, pastor; Bob Groce, charge lay leader; Mrs. Alvin Warren, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; James Rhash, superintendent of the Sunday School; and the Rev. T. A. Groce, pastor emeritus.

Bruce Emory
Research

In 1880s Asheville Was A 'Trundle-Bed Of Recuperation'

After 68 years a small pamphlet flaunting the title "Nature's Trundle-Bed of Recuperation" has returned from England to Asheville where it was written by Hinton A. Helper, who sometimes wrote under the pen name of Guy Cyril. In addition to the intriguing title, the blue and white cover carries across one corner the name Asheville, North Carolina. It is balanced with a picture of Mt. Mitchell and one of a mountain waterfall. On the back cover are two mountain scenes and the caption "Heart of the Alleghanies," beneath which is a quotation from the book.

In a brief "Introductory" the author states that "the purpose of this little pamphlet is to present to the reader the advantages, resources and possibilities, together with the attractions, the mountainous section of North Carolina offers to immigrants, capitalists, manufacturers, invalids, tourists, and others." It is dated at Asheville, March 4, 1886. This purpose the 64-page booklet carries out not only through its very readable text, but also by means of a railroad map, several tables of statistical information, and two poems extolling the beauties of the Swannanoa River. Added appeal is achieved through the use of pictures of Asheville scenes and views of the surrounding mountains and through a small drawing at each chapter heading.

The material selected by the author is divided into four chapters. In the first of these, "Historical Notes," he speaks briefly of the Cherokees and mentions such pioneers as Daniel Smith, John and James Patton, Samuel Davidson, Zebulon Baird, and Col. David Vance, together with the Alexander, Weaver, Chunn, Whitson, and Brevard families. His interest, however, is not with the past, but with the Asheville of 1886, which he says is "preeminently a resort intended by Nature for the invalid and tourist," and he adds that "no summer resort in the country possesses so many attractions as this place."

Year-Round Climate

In his chapter "Climatology," Helper is appealing primarily to readers suffering from pulmonary diseases. He points out the "all the-year-around" climate of Asheville and Western North Carolina, with a yearly average of 259 clear days. He gives a table of temperatures and makes a comparison with several European resorts for pulmonary diseases, while for dryness he compares the Asheville climate with that of central Kansas and San Antonio, Texas. He also stresses the mildness of the winters, which allows one to be out of doors in comfort. There are days in February, he says, when "ladies can go to the woods with their lunch baskets on picknicking excursions."

The third and fourth chapters, "Places of Interest" and "Popularity As A Health Resort," together with five pages of advertising by local business firms, are of especial interest to the modern reader, since they portray a charming picture of Asheville and the surrounding mountain region in 1886.

In the previous 25 years, the town had grown from a population of 1400 with an assessed property evaluation of $300,000 to a population of 5,000 with a property evaluation of more than a million dollars and there was a noticeable activity in all types of business. Six years before the pamphlet was written, the railroad had reached Asheville and by 1886 had been extended north through Warm Springs (now Hot Springs) to the Tennessee boundary, where it connected with a Tennessee line, and westward through Waynesville and on toward Whittier.

As "the life giving principle to this region," the railroad was opening the entire area, not only to tourists and invalids, but also to settlers and to capitalists interested in its forests and minerals and in the "incomparable water power" needed for factories.

Fruit growing had already reached considerable proportions and Helper points out that apples from Western North Carolina had received awards at the Philadelphia Exposition and also from the American Pomology Society in recognition of the quality of the hundred varieties submitted from this section.

Both Helper and Walter Gwyn, in the latter's advertisement as agents of the Western North Carolina Land Agency, stress the fact that the rich river lands of the area lend themselves to "all types of husbandry" and "wild lands, rich in timber, soil, in minerals" could be purchased for a dollar an acre. Sufficient tobacco was being grown in the region to make Asheville a "burley market" with several warehouses.

Asheville Well Known

Already Asheville had become well known as a tourist and health resort, and the author says he daily receives letters of inquiry, frequently from people living in Europe. Near-by medicinal springs had also earlier attracted invalids and resorts had sprung up around them. At Warm Springs, where the hotel had burned the year before, extensive rebuilding was in progress and a modern hotel to accommodate several hundred guests would be opened in time for summer visitors. The advertisement carried in "Nature's Trundle-Bed" assured the reader that "Rheumatism, Gout, Malaria, Cutaneous Diseases and Lassitude removed, from the use of this remarkable water." White Sulphur Springs near Waynesville—only a day's journey by carriage from Asheville—also was prepared for summer visitors with a fine hotel which would be open for the first time on June 1. The advertisement could boast, "No malaria here. Pure, oxyegenated air. No dust. No heat. No flies. Arcadian repose and quiet meditation among rolling brooks and primeval forests."

Asheville was likewise preparing for the summer visitors, who would come by carriage or over the scenic railroad that advertised "magnificent service, steel rails, comfortable and well ventilated sleepers and Observation Parlor Cars. Polite attention." In 1883 some 30,000 visitors had registered in the town during the summer months, filling to capacity all the hotels and private boarding houses. Now with the new $80,000 Battery Porter Hotel opening for the season and offering guests "modern bathrooms, hot and cold water, elevators, table par excellence in every particular, magnificent grounds, and picturesque nooks of observation," Helper was expecting an even larger number of tourists for the 1886 season.

Asheville, as pictured by Helper, was a pleasant and attractive town in 1886. The Courthouse, with its high tower, dominated the eastern part of the business section, while the newly constructed Battery Porter Hotel, on its commanding hill, lent a distinctive air to the western section of the city. Courthouse Square was a busy place, as was the north-south extending Main Street, with its many roomy, home-like hotels, its stores and drug stores, its book shops and banks, one of which advertised a surplus of $10,000. A college and a "male academy" furnished an atmosphere of culture to the town and the enterprising spirit of the citizens was evidenced in the rapid acadamizing of the principal streets and the erection of water works "in every direction."

Pictures Of Homes

Many of the homes in the shady residential sections were elaborate structures, and here and there were summer or year-around houses built by those coming to Asheville from Northern states or from the Southern coastal plains, either as summer or as permanent residents. These houses, such as Pinewald, the home of George W. Pack, and Sunset House, the residence of L. M. Pease, were surrounded by "elegant, neat lawns and shrubbery." A picture of each of these houses appears in the pamphlet. At greater distances from town were several outstanding estates, such as Richmond Hill, home of Richmond Pearson; Tahkeeaskee Farm, on the French Broad River opposite the new railroad station; Strawberry Hill, the property of J. Adger Clark; and Antler House, home of the Tennent family, "one of the best examples of an old-time plantation residence to be found in the region." The generous owners of these and other estates permitted tourists to enter their grounds and to enjoy the views that could be obtained from vantage points, and some of them accommodated guests through the summer season.

Both the citizens of Asheville and the visitors themselves arranged entertainments. "Excursions, picnic crowds and flower ruminations are all the rage during the summer." Pleasant hours could be spent at Eastbrook's on Main Street, which, Helper says, deserved to be called the tourists' headquarters, for here one could find books, stationery, artists' supplies, and souvenirs of "Florida and Western North Carolina novelties." For those who desired to capture the beauty of the mountain scenery, lessons in "drawing, oil and water color painting" could be arranged for in the studio over the drug store, and "Visitors fond of the aesthetic should not fail to take a peep into the Mikado Room," the studio of Roger Davis. A picture of this fan-bedecked studio appears in the booklet.

Helper gives a list of places of interest in the city which can be reached by walking or by carriage. For more extensive trips, the tourist could get information from Helper's "Bureau of Information on Western North Carolina" at the office in the Swannanoa Hotel, while for a pocket guide the author recommends his own "Illustrated Guide Book" as the best thing out. It could be purchased at Eastabrook's. For distances within the town and for longer mountain trips, "conveyances and saddle horses and mules are to be had at several places," and J. V. Sevier's Fine Livery Stable, next door to the Swannanoa Hotel, advertised, "Handsome buggies, Elegant Barouches, and Gentle Hacks," while Mr. Howell at the Stable would give helpful information or act as a guide.

Trips Suggested

Among the recommended trips are Mt. Mitchell, a three-day outing, with lodging to be had at Patton's, some 18 miles from Asheville, where horses and guides could be procured for the steep, four-hour climb; Mt. Pisgah, also a three-day trip, with lodging at the Widow Davis's, where "everything is hand made, even to the blankets;" Roan Mountain, a longer trip with accommodations at the Cloudland Hotel at the top; Caesar's Head, reached by way of Brevard, and a three-day excursion from Asheville; and Hickory Nut Gorge, where lodging could be had at Mrs. Sherrill's near the top of the Gap.

Thus in summer Asheville in 1886 was a bustling little city, for, as Helper says, "By day, in the season, the streets of the town are crowded with private equipages, parties on horseback, and in buggies, enjoying excursions in the beautiful vicinity or going on to other resorts," and "costly equipages go rattling over the streets; splendid horses prance along the avenues, bearing beauty and chivalry, wealth and joy, poetry and song, to the numerous romantic retreats, mountain views and gushing springs which abound in this lovely region."

Back in Asheville after the day's outing, visitors enjoyed the entertainments furnished by the hotels and citizens. Helper says, "At night the hotels are gay with music and dancing and all goes 'merry as a marriage bell.'" In the list of suggestions with which he closes the pamphlet, he reminds his readers, "Don't forget to have 'Snowball', 'Shakiefoot', and 'Bones', dance for you before you leave Asheville."

In his own full-page advertisement in the booklet, Helper says he is general manager of the North Carolina Department of "The South," a journal with offices in New York and London. While "Nature's Trundle-Bed of Recuperation is frankly advertising Asheville and Western North Carolina, its author took pains to make his information correct. The railroad map, drawn by H. Heaton Coleman from the survey of 1881, is approved by Major J. W. Wilson, chief engineer. Some of the statistics he used were obtained from T. W. Patton of Asheville, while Charles Lathrop Pack of Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the descriptions of the places of interest in and near Asheville after he "rode or drove over the whole of the section described, especially for the purpose of insuring the strict fidelity of this account."

The interesting little pamphlet with the quaint title was found in an English bookshop by a friend and recently presented to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Ordway of 221 Westover Drive.

Asheville Citizen August 1, 1954

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Lanning Harris Browning

—Citizen Photo

A WOMANLESS WEDDING will be a feature of the annual Harvest Festival today and tonight at Vance School. The wedding will be given at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. The festival is sponsored by the Vance PTA. Taking part are Jack Harris, Jim Lanning, L. D. Cahoon and Charles Browning.

Merchants Hold Youth Center Event

Free-entry tickets for cash prizes to 41 persons were chosen yesterday as the climax of the West Asheville Business Association benefit project for the proposed West Asheville Youth Center.

Tickets totaled $350 in value, with the top award of $100 going to W. T. James of 24 Tryon St. Other tickets were valued at $10 and $5 each, with the contributing merchants matching the amount of each check won with a donation to the center.

Parade Is Held

A parade along Haywood Rd. preceded the event. Units in the parade included the Hall Fletcher Junior High School band, Boy Scouts, ponies and wagons and trucks of the West Asheville firms.

Frank Barnard was chairman of the project with Paul Nichols as parade chairman and Ed Fortune as master of ceremonies.

Wimmers of $10 checks included Porter Warren, W. T. James, E. F. Magruder, Mrs. H. C. Wood, H. O. Foster, J. M. Gaddy and Ed Gillespie.

Other Winners

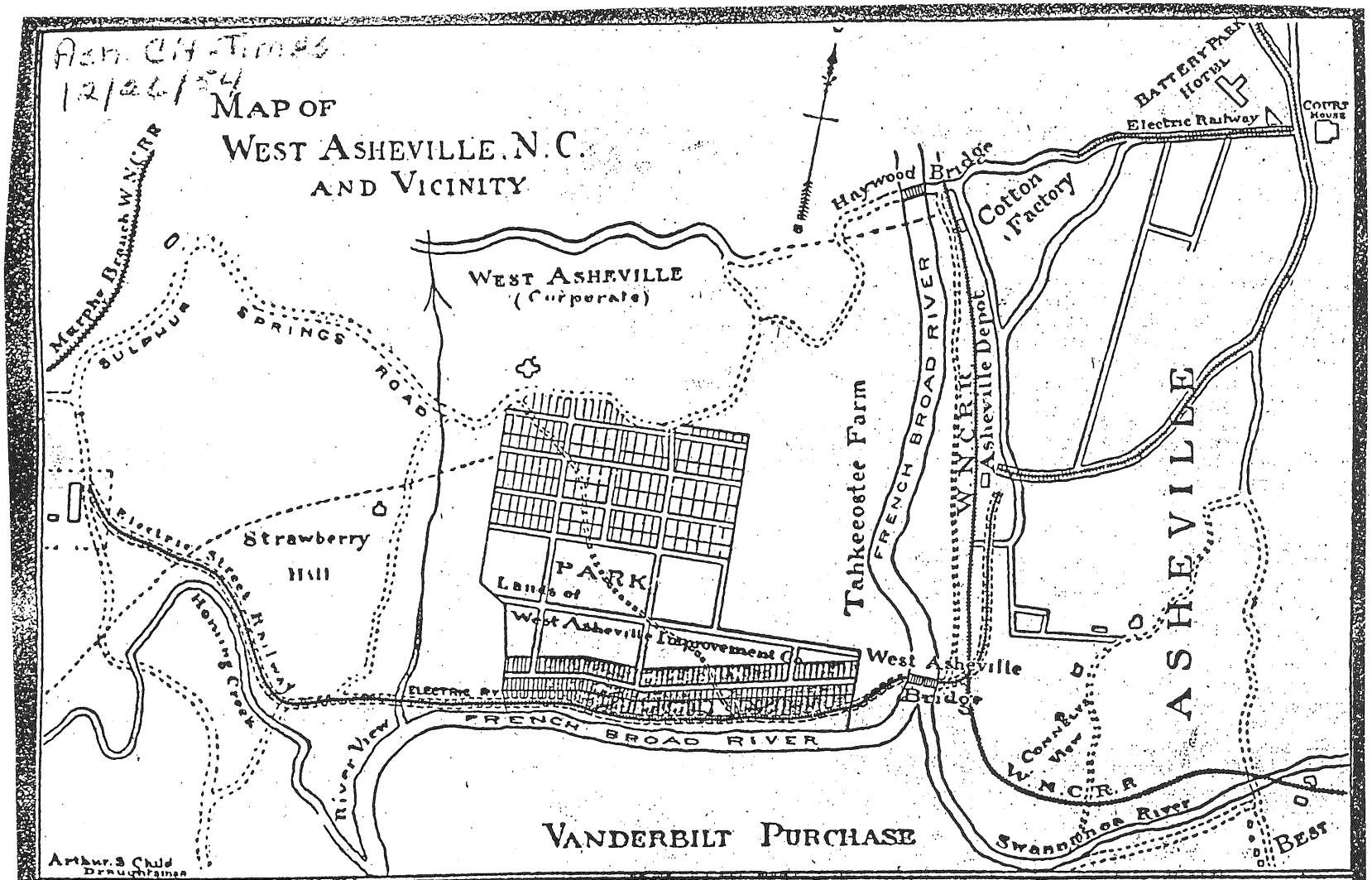
Winners of $5 checks included A. G. Asbury, H. J. Duncan, Letha Davis, O. N. Horton, D. Fulbright, Mrs. H. L. Liner, R. C. Newton, C. D. Elkins, W. P. Cooke, Mrs. Jack Sams, Inez Hipps, Joyce Green, Joe Rogers, O. B. Peterson, Hazel King, William Morgan, W. Burchard, Leroy Calhoun and T. F. Brown.

All winners are posted at Home Furniture Co. in West Asheville and checks must be claimed before 6 p. m. Tuesday.

Sunday Morning, November 21, 1954

—Citizen-Times Photo

WEST ASHEVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION completed its project for aiding the proposed West Asheville Youth Center yesterday with a parade on Haywood Rd. and choosing of free-entry tickets for cash prizes. Taking part in the parade were the Hall Fletcher Junior High School band, ponies and wagons, Boy Scouts and trucks of the business firms.



WEST ASHEVILLE AND VICINITY are shown in this map published in the December, 1890, issue of the "Country Homes" magazine. West Asheville was then a separate municipality, having been incorporated in 1889. Its population in 1890 was about 500. At lower right is the town of Best, later known as Biltmore.

Asheville Citizen December 26, 1954

Asheville Magazine Of 1890 Described This Area As 'Switzerland Of America'

By C. R. SUMNER

Asheville has seen in its growing years some strange and interesting publication ventures. One that climbs toward a top position was the enterprise of the Tomlinson brothers, J. S. Tomlinson of Washington, D. C., and W. F. Tomlinson of Asheville. The publication was a 16-page tabloid size monthly magazine entitled "Country Homes."

The masthead carried the name of the magazine and under it an artist's pallette on which was depicted a handsome two-story country home flanked by stacks of king-sized vegetables.

At 13 Patton Ave.

The business address of the magazine, in a copy for December, 1890, is given as 13 Patton Ave. It is interesting that this was also the address of The Asheville Citizen.

Curiously enough the copy carries a story about an Immigration Conference scheduled for Asheville. A delegate to that conference, Col. V. V. Cook of Batesville, Ark., collected copies of several publications while in Asheville and preserved them. This December copy of "Country Homes" is now in the possession of Col. Cook's daughter, Mrs. Ware, wife of the Rev. R. Dwight Ware of Asheville.

Under the drawing of the farm house was a line which read: "The Nation's Strength, is in the Country Homes" and it was upon this premise that the magazine, which had a subscription price of 50 cents per year, was issued.

Liberal support for the Tomlinson publication was indicated by the advertisements which occupied several of the 16 pages of the issue examined for the purposes of this piece. Represented were such substaintial institutions as the Racket Store, Grant's Pharmacy, Arthur M. Field, jewelers, Falk's Music House, and many others destined to serve the community over a long period of years.

Lasted About 8 Years

The December, 1890, number is marked "Vol. 5, No. 12" which would indicate that the magazine had been published for approximately five years when that particular issue appeared. A check of available city directories shows that it was published for at least three years more, making a total for the publication of about eight years, a considerable run for that type of enterprise in a small town.

Contents of the magazine indicate an attempt to reach broad interests in the community and state. The first page is given over to editorial articles and a large line cut of the main building at the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College, Raleigh.

Page two is given over to farm news, including a lot of personal items of interest to farm people. On page three the editor blossoms out with a feature on "Asheville and Western North Carolina, the Switzerland of America." The illustration is a line cut of the old Asheville Female College which stood on the site of what is now David Millard Junior High School.

The article itself oozes optimism in every subtle phrase and lists a number of companies dedicated to the upbuilding of the city and country.

Growth in Population

The writer of the article asserts that 10 years before, the population of Asheville was placed at 2,610, while at the time the article was written it had climbed to 12,000 of which about 2,000 were of "northern or foreign birth."

Page four is centered with a line cut showing the old Battery Park Hotel, considered tops in those days, with elaborately landscaped grounds.

On page 5, under the heading "West Asheville", is an article dealing with the development of the area west of the French Broad River opposite Asheville. The article sets forth that the area was incorporated in 1889 and had a population of approximately 500 persons.

Featured on this West Asheville page is an engineering drawing showing the area with a certain portion laid off in building lots.

The chief item of interest in the drawing is the indicated route of an electric railway to be "completed within a few months."

This was the line which was actually built from Asheville to Sulphur Springs by the West Asheville Improvement Co., E. G. Carrier, president, and J. B. Bostic, secretary, by way of Carrier's Bridge and Hominy Creek.

In addition to the officers named, directors of the company are shown as W. W. Barnard, J. D. Carrier, T. H. Cobb and Dr. T. F. Merriweather. The business office of the company was at 11 Patton Ave.

Asheville Citizen December 26, 1954

Anders Creasman Stackhouse Waddell Couch Gross

—Citizen Photo—Glenn

HALL FLETCHER VARSITY—Here are the members of the Hall Fletcher Junior High varsity basketball squad which is coached by Marvin Nockow and Joe Eblen. Pictured are Keith Anders, Wayne Creasman, Larry Stackhouse, William Waddell, George Couch, Dony Gross, Morgan Pritchard, George Beck, Eddie Rogers, John Styles and John Ward.

Woody Cancels Drills

Maroons In Schedule Lull, Get Vacation

The Lee Edwards basketball team, well on its way to the Western AAA championship, is in the midst of a schedule lull which permitted Coach Floyd Woody to cancel practices for yesterday and today.

The Maroons downed Greenville, S. C., Senior High Tuesday night, 57-38, and will not play again until a week from tomorrow when they journey to Winston-Salem for the first half of a two-game road trip. On the following night the locals will take on High Point at High Point.

Only one more home game remains for Woody's powerful team, probably the best in recent years at Lee Edwards. The home appearance will be Feb. 18 when Charlotte Central will meet the Maroons in the final conference game. After that only the state tournament—at Wilmington Feb. 24-26 will be left and the Maroons will be there bidding for their first Western Conference crown.

Lee Edwards leads the western circuit by virtue of a 9-2 mark. Both Burlington with 7-2 and Greensboro with 6-3 are within striking distance. The schedule favors the Maroons, however, since they will be playing the three weakest clubs in the loop.

Woody hopes that the rest will give guard John Wilson's sprained ankle time to heal completely. John suffered a severe sprain in the game at Gastonia Jan. 14 and has been used only sparingly since.

Asheville Citizen February 3, 1955

THE OLD ATKINSON HOME on Westwood Place is a West Asheville landmark. Built in 1881 of handmade brick, it was bought shortly afterward by Capt. Natt Atkinson. A few years later his son, E. B. Atkinson, began a long residence in the home. In its earliest days, the house was one of very few in what is now West Asheville and was used for a while as a summer, country home. The home and some five acres are now owned by Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Bennett.

Asheville Citizen April 3, 1955

School Echoes

Eugene Rankin First Readers To Give Mother Goose Entertainment Friday

By MARGUERITE ALEXANDER

Four and twenty black birds in one classroom are no problem to Miss Dexter Dillingham, first grade teacher at Eugene Rankin Elementary School.

The birds are really first graders who will join with students in the two other first grade rooms for Mother Goose program Friday at 10 a. m. in the school.

Each room has taken one general theme from the fairy tales. Miss Dexter's room has chosen "Sing a Song of Sixpence," which, of course, is where the blackbirds come in to be baked in a pie. David Smith is the king who will be in his counting house. Edith Dowis is the queen who will partake of bread and honey, nd Patsy Davis is the maid who lost her nose while hanging out the clothes. Of course, when the pie is opened the birds will begin to sing.

Mrs. Isobel Lutz' room has chosen "The Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe" and had so many children she didn't know what to do. Norman Sullivan will be the old woman.

Mistress Mary Quite Contrary is the theme for Mrs. Joyce Reed's room, with Sandra Lawler as Mary.

Patricia Doyle, as Mother Goose, will introduce the characters. Included are: Rebecca Jackson as Mary in "Mary Had a Little Lamb", and Glenn Robinson is the lamb; Donald Todd, Charles Parker and Garry Robinson are "Three Blind Mice," and will probably hide from Janice Fisher, Barbara Neighbors and Judy Sams, the "Three Little Kittens;" Lorraine Roberts is "Old Mother Hubbard," and Michael Lumston is her dog; Phillip Hargus is Jack Sprat and Virginia Ball Key is Mrs. Sprat; while Larry Rice is "Little Jack Horner."

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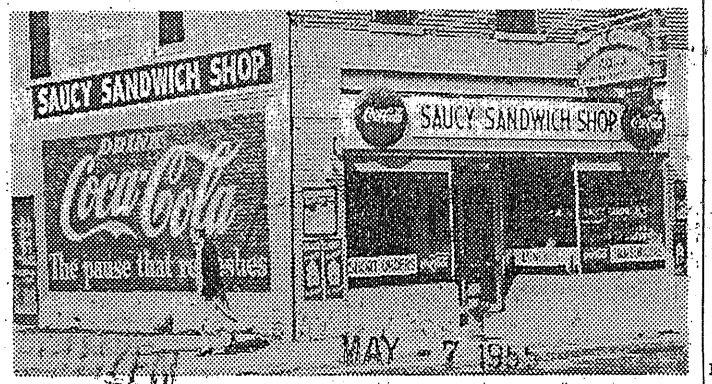
Asheville Citizen May 1, 1955



—Citizen Photo

PADLOCKED YESTERDAY was the Saucy Sandwich Shop on Haywood Road in West Asheville, shown above. The establishment allegedly has been headquarters for a lottery operation.

West Asheville Shop Padlocked By Court Order

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The Saucy Sandwich Shop in West Asheville, alleged scene of recurrent gaming operations, was padlocked yesterday.

Superior Court Solicitor Robert S. Swain said the temporary order padlocking the establishment was placed in effect about 3 p. m.

Named as defendants in the padlocking were L. B. (Mac) McCoy, R. L. McCoy, C. C. Fox, who were arrested this week and charged with operating a lottery in the building, and Beatrice P. Hendrix and B. T. Hendrix, who allegedly leased the building to L. B. McCoy.

Swain said grounds for the padlocking are that the two McCoys and Fox allegedly used the building from which to operate a lottery.

The temporary order was signed by Judge Zeb V. Nettles. Attorney Charles L. Marler represented Swain.

Prior Arrests Made

L. B. McCoy and Fox were arrested by City Police Sunday and charged with operating a gambling house. And R. L. McCoy, a brother of L. B., was arrested Tuesday and charged with unlawful possession of lottery tickets and operating a lottery. All three arrests took place in the shop which is located on Haywood Road.

Swain said that the establishment "has been a source of gambling trouble for some time."

He said he will seek to gain a permanent padlocking order against the building. A hearing on the matter will be held May 21, at which time the defendents will have to show cause why the building shouldn't be permanently padlocked.

If a permanent order is effected, the building would be padlocked for a period of one year.

Asheville Citizen May 7, 1955

Wednesday, August 17, 1955

Good Neighbors At Carrier Field:

Landings In Moonlight Helped By Headlights

A pilot practicing moonlight landings at Carrier Field got himself a mess of helpers last night.

O. G. Barker, 27, of Candler, said he had been flying for a half-hour or more when he noticed a commotion around the field as he came in for his second landing, around 10 p. m.

Residents near the field apparently thought the plane was in trouble and after calling police, lighted the field with automobile headlights.

Barker said he took off and landed his three-place Stinson plane in the Carrier Field traffic pattern, passing low over houses in that area.

The pilot claimed he climbed to 1,500 and 2,000 feet after each take-off, and carefully observed all CAA regulations.

Some residents near the field said the plane was very low. Others said they thought at first the plane was unusually low, but after going out in their yards and taking a look, realized it was taking off and gaining altitude.

Barker contacted police headquarters and the Civil Aeronautics Authority office at Asheville-Hendersonville Airport today to report the interest in his safety.

He holds a private pilot's license and has been flying for more than 12 years.

Bruce Emory Research

- Citizen Times Photo

NEW OFFICERS of the Hamilton Junior Music Club include: bottom row, L to R, Norma Travis, publicity, Deanne Johnson, second vice president; Julia Teeter, first vice president; Nancy Horton, president, top row, Harriett Stamper, radio committee; Betty Briggs, publicity; Rebecca Morgan, corresponding secretary; Amy Noland, recording secretary; Beverly Burgin, club magazine committee; and Linda Wilson, third vice president.

Junior Music Club Installs New Officers

Asheville Citizen September 12. 1955

The Hamilton Junior Music Club officers for the year have been named as follows:

Nancy Horton, president; Julia Teeter, first vice president; Deanne Johnson, second vice president; Linda Wilson, third vice president; Amy Noland, recording secretary; Rebecca Morgan, corresponding secretary and Pat Burgin, treasurer.

They were installed yesterday at a meeting of the group in Calvary Baptist Church by Mrs. Hugh Brank, counsellor.

Other officers are: Donna Lee Sluder and Julia Teeter, accompanists; Nina Jean Cook, director; Barbara Prince, historian; and Betty Briggs and Norma Travis, publicity.

The following committees were named: Brenda Bridges, Joyce Legg, Haven Miller and Gloria Reynolds, yearbook; Jo Ann Cordell, Sylvia Fortner, Joyce Sandlin and Julia Teeter, scrapbook; Carolyn Cooper, Rita Grice, Judy Gallin and Naomi Miller, membership; Sarah Boone, Christine Buckner, Linda Cogdill and Margaret Wix, club rating; Donna Lee Sluder and Harriett Stamper, radio; Beverly Burgin, Brenda Henson, Anna Mae Silvers and Judy West, music club magazine.

After the installation, Miss Martha Swanson, a student of J. Francis Griffith, gave the following vocal program: "Sapphic Ode" by Brahms; "The Morning is Calling," Robert Huntington Terry; "Ein Schwan," Grieg; "The Treat," Schubert, "Mayday Carol", Deems Taylor and "My Love Comes A-Riding," by Vaughn de Leath.

2nd Round Salk Shots Are Begun

Second and third grade students of 12 county schools received their second round of Salk anti-polio vaccine shots yesterday.

Receiving shots were students of Flat Creek, Red Oak, Barnardsville, Anderson, Weaverville, French Broad, Woodfin, Leicester, West Buncombe, Sandy Mush, Emma, and Johnston schools and Eliada Orphanage.

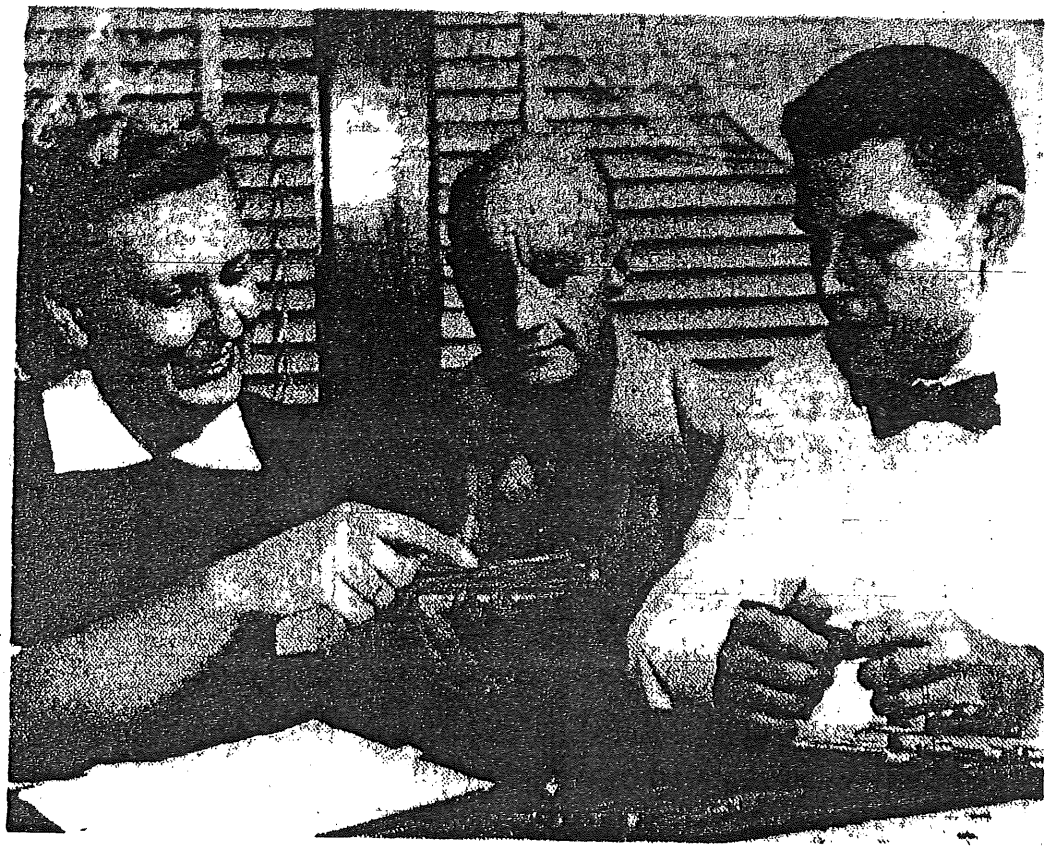
Today's schedule calls for vaccinations of second and third grade students of Sand Hill and Venable at Sand Hill, Candler and Pisgah at Candler, Biltmore, Shiloh and Asheville Orthopedic Hospital at Biltmore, Valley Springs and Oakley.

The following registered nurses were recruited by the Buncombe County Red Cross Chapter to assist at yesterday's innoculations: Mrs. Margaret Kaufman, Mrs. Lottie Sapp, Mrs. J. E. Bradley, Mrs. Stanley West, Mrs. Grady Wilson, Mrs. Connie Brown, Mrs. John Keer, Mrs. Harold Clark, Mrs. Warren Gugenheim and Mrs. Bess Minton.

Nurses assisting today will be Mrs. Frances Duncan, Mrs. Hattie Young, Mrs. Ruth Leatherwood, Mrs. D. H. Ivey, Mrs. Forrest Whitehouse, Mrs. Jimmy Butler, Mrs. Mary Ann Hinman, Mrs. Roy Welch and Mrs. Glenn Hunnicutt.

Vaccinations in city schools will start Thursday. Vaccine for the school innoculations is provided free by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Asheville Citizen September 13, 1955



Mrs. Worthy Meece Starnes

-Citizen-Times Photo

THE WEST ASHEVILLE BRANCH, YMCA, is opening the membership drive with a meeting at Trinity Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. Mrs. C. M. Worthy and Hal F. Starnes are co-chairmen for the enrollment. Roy Meece is vice chairman of the Y branch. Other leaders have been named for the areas in West Asheville.

West Asheville 'Y' Drive To Be Launched Tomorrow

A meeting at Trinity Methodist Church tomorrow will open the West Asheville YMCA branch enrollment drive. The meeting to be attended by captains, chairmen and workers, will be held at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. C. M. Worthy and Hal F. Starnes are co-chairmen.

Mrs. James Rice is Malvern Hills chairman. Other chairmen include:

Mrs. Ben Scott, Lucerne Park, Wilshire Park; Mrs. T. F. Young, Patton-Louisiana Avenues; Ralph Snipes, Louisiana-Hanover St.; W. P. Griffin, Hanover St.-Haywood Rd.; Mrs. Sherrill Clark, Sulphur Springs Rd.-Haywood Rd.; Tom Lamb, Sulphur Springs Rd.-Sand Hill Rd.; Wade Fair, Brevard Rd. to Sand Hill Rd.; Harry Atkis, Brevard Rd.-State St.; J. H. Hawkins, State St.-Haywood Rd.

The branch YMCA program for the fall includes several new features, among these the organization of fathers and their sons 6 to 8 years old; a Jr. Hi-Y Club among Hall-Fletcher boys in Pisgah View Apartments; several Family Night programs, with games, swimming and refreshments at no charge.

Continued emphasis is planned for the already-organized Gra-Y Clubs for elementary school boys, supervised athletics for Saturday mornings, day camps next summer, boys breakfast meetings, participation in national YMCA programs, devotional and inspirational meetings, world service programs, visits to Central Y for larger programs, city-wide activities and some athletic and competitive events, and special events for boys.

Asheville Citizen September 25, 1955

Residents Oppose Building Of Private Amusement Park

Petition Presented To Council

A proposed amusement park off County Home Road was opposed yesterday by some 40 residents of the Laurel Loop-Druid Drive section in a petition to City Council.

The residents asked Council to leave unchanged the present zoning (RA-6 Residential) of the section, apparently in hope a private amusement park would thereby be prohibited from operation.

Council, noting that no one has asked for a zoning change, referred the matter to the City Planning and Zoning Commission.

City Manager J. Weldon Weir pointed out that the zoning ordinance allows a municipal park in any area of the city. But whether that would include a noise-producing amusement center—or apply to a private enterprise—were questions to be answered by the zoning body.

Plans for operation of a full-scale amusement park on an eight-acre tract on a portion of land purchased from Wilshire Park Inc. were announced last Sept. 19 by W. J. Murphy of Asheville.

The area lies on the north end of the Wilshire Park residential development off new Patton Avenue near Smith Mill Creek and the Southern Railway line to Murphy.

Murphy's plans called for opening of the park by Easter. Later, Rex S. Smathers Jr., Robert F. Campbell of Enka and others formed a corporation to operate the park. Details of the arrangement between the corporation and Murphy have not been made public. Smathers, however, said the two projects were for the same park.

Council adopted on first reading an ordinance annexing some 34 lots on the north boundary of the city off Red Oak Road, the first extension of city limits since 1929. "A red letter day," said Mayor Earl W. Eller, even though the annexation is a tiny one.

Council authorized Mayor Eller to sign landlord leases with W. T. Grant Co. and Diana Shops of Asheville, Inc., both New York firms, in connection with Westgate Shopping Center, Inc.

Attorneys for the two firms required the "landlord" leases in the event that, after the shopping center has been constructed by George Coggins, developer, and the tenants have taken possession, Coggins should fail to live up to his primary lease of the property from the city. In that event, under the leases approved yesterday, the two firms would still be able to continue as tenants, paying their rentals direct to the city.

Council's approval is contingent upon approval of existing subleases between Coggins and the lessees by Weir and Corp. Council Robert W. Wells.

Council received fifth month internal audits showing revenue of $1,134,207.67 and expenditures of $896,607.21, the city running well into the black, a situation described as "normal" for this time of year by Weir.

Only one resident turned up for yesterday's Council meeting. Charles Massey of Asheville told Council there are some "31 places" illegally selling whisky in the city and said a sweeping investigation should be made. Council took Massey's 15-minute monologue under advisement and adjourned.

Asheville Citizen December 9, 1955

Congratulations, Mrs. Carter!

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Asheville Citizen December 11, 1955

Taxi Driver Robbed, Shot By Assailant

A Blue Bird cab driver was robbed and shot early yesterday, narrowly escaping death.

Buel Breedlove, 32, of 81 Virginia Ave., was shot three times in the head by a Negro fare about 2 a.m. He was in fairly good condition at Memorial Mission Hospital where he was admitted some 50 minutes after the attack.

The bullets did not penetrate Breedlove's brain, but were embedded in the skin near his ear, hospital attendants reported. He also suffered a wound in the back and the side of the head.

A suspect was taken off a bus by Greensboro police at the request of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department and officers from here questioned the Negro at length yesterday.

It was reported, however, that the man was only detained and later released.

The Asheville officers returned to the city last night.

Deputies said they were informed by Breedlove that he had picked up his fare on Southside Avenue early yesterday and had driven him to the intersection of Brooklyn and Wyatt Roads in Shiloh where the Negro demanded Breedlove's money at pistol point.

Officers said Breedlove told them that he gave the Negro both his personal and taxi fare money, totaling $30.

Then the gunman, Breedlove was quoted as saying, shot him. As the driver attempted to get out of the cab, the Negro shot him twice more.

Breedlove stumbled some 200 yards to a nearby residence where he asked occupants to call the Police Department and an ambulance.

Asheville Citizen December 13, 1955

Citizen Photo

A NATIVITY SCENE was included in the pageant, "The Christmas Crib," presented yesterday at Hall Fletcher Junior High School by the music department and students. Taking part were Pamela Suttenfield as Mary; Bruce Welch as Joseph; Leo Nixon, Jimmy Elliott and Jimmy Patelidas, Wise Men; Walter Mays, Larry Rogers and Jimmy Sitton, shepherds; Marsha Jones, Joyce Ingle and Patricia Jackson, angels. The school choral groups sang Christmas songs with Brenda Bridges, Glenda Sheehan and Myra Sue Harper as directors and Julia Teeter as accompanist.

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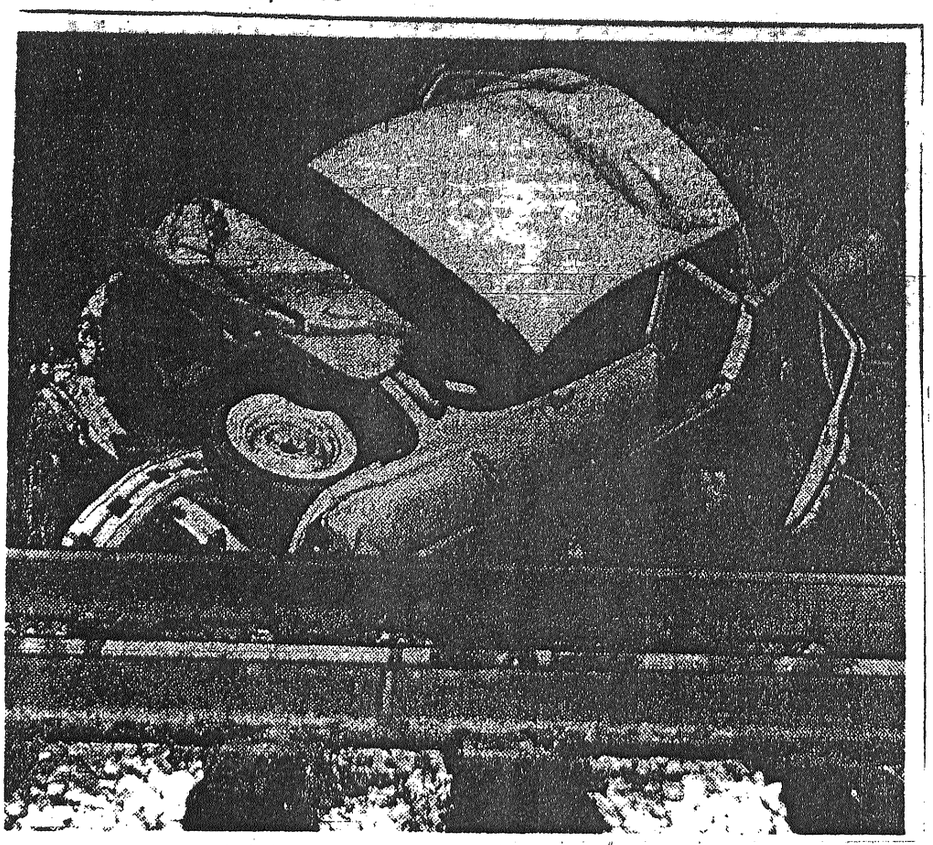
FRIDAY, DEC. 16, 1955



STRUCK BY A FREIGHT TRAIN yesterday at Pearson Bridge this small sedan with its driver was knocked some 54 feet from the point of impact. Mrs. Ethel Hensley Young of Weaverville RFD 2 was listed as driver of the car. She was injured and hospitalized.

Freight Train, Car Collide

Two Injured In Separate Traffic Accidents In WNC

Two persons were injured yesterday, one seriously, in an automobile-freight train accident here and in a two-car traffic collision near Canton.

State Highway Patrol Pfc. Fred Almond, of Asheville, and Pfc. W. R. Wooten, of Canton, said the injured were Mrs. Ethel Hensley Young of Weaverville RFD 2 and Van Carl Simmons, 33, of Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Mrs. Young was admitted to Memorial Mission Hospital with cuts and abrasions of the face and a fractured left jaw suffered when her car was struck by a northbound Southern Railway train about 4:45 p.m. yesterday at the Pearson Bridge crossing.

Simmons, whose late model Pontiac sedan collided with an empty wood truck on U.S. Highway 19-23 west, near Canton, was admitted to Haywood County Hospital. He suffered a severe cut on the mouth and right hand, a possible fractured left leg and other injuries, Wooten said. The accident occurred about 6:30 p.m. two miles east of Canton.

Almond said Mrs. Young was driving her car east when the vehicle apparently stalled on the tracks and was struck by Freight Train No. 4187 bound for Asheville.

He said the force of the impact rolled the sedan some 54 feet south of the crossing. It came to rest on the side of the tracks, demolished, Almond said.

The officer said Mrs. Young was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition. He said he understood that Mrs. Young was accompanied by another woman at the time of the accident who managed to escape injury.

However, he said, officers had been unable to confirm this last night because of the condition of the driver.

Almond said Mrs. Young is an employe of Gorham Manufacturing Co., in Bingham Heights. He said the investigation is pending.

In the Canton accident, Patrolman Wooten said Simmons was driving a 1954 Pontiac west on 19-23 when his car suddenly swerved into the left side of the truck, a two-ton 1955 model.

The officer said th truck was being driven east by Robert Henry Ramsey, 48, of Candler RFD 2. He said the truck's rear wheels were knocked from under the vehicle and it overturned in the highway.

The Simmons car, Wooten said, traveled 250 feet following the impact.

The officer said both Simmons and Ramsey were alone in their vehicles. Ramsey was not injured, he said. Both vehicles, he said, were a total loss.

Wooten said he would continue the investigation today. There were no arrests, he said.

Asheville Citizen December 16, 1955

A STUDY OF THE SEA, the last frontier in food production, has been conducted by Mrs. Nina Clark's sixth grade class at the Aycock Elementary School. Students shown making the study are (L to R): Standing, Nelson Frazier and Jimmy Alexander; and seated, Linda Harris, Betty Griffin, Patricia Boyd and Ewart Ball III.

Asheville Citizen December 18, 1955

TENTH IN 11 TRIES Roy Fisher of 56 Nebraska Ave. West Asheville, collected his 10th deer in 11 years at Rich Laurel this past season. He is shown above with the six point 140 pound buck he felled with one neck shot from his 30-30. Roy lays claim to being the champion deer hunter in Western North Carolina. Any disagreement?

Asheville Citizen December 18, 1955

MAY, 1956

PATTON THOMAS

LINGO DEMAREE LANNING

FIRST SPADEFUL—C. C. Demaree, chairman of the building committee, turns the first spadeful of earth for the new educational building of West Asheville Presbyterian Church. Assisting at the ground-breaking ceremony this week were W. G. Lingo, chairman of the board of trustees; Sam Patton, a member of the building committee; J. W. Lanning, vice chairman of the board of deacons; and the Rev W. G. Thomas, pastor. The new building will cost $74,000. The new building will contain classrooms, nursery, kindergarten, a chapel, kitchen and fellowship hall. Work began Wednesday.

Asheville Citizen May, 1956

CITY COUNCIL HOLIDAY yesterday gave city fathers breather from formal Thursday session and chance to see municipal government in every-day operation. At left, Councilmen (L to R) Theodore B. Sumner, Robert I. Presley and W. F. Algary, saw new truck at West Asheville Fire Station, mounted it and gleefully donned appropriate head gear.

SECTION TWO
FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1956

Howze Dailey Brown

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CAMPAIGN PLANS for the annual enrollment of the Market Street Branch YMCA were made at a meeting of adult and Gra-Y Club leaders yesterday. The enrollment will start Tuesday. Included in the group are W. R. Howze, general enrollment chairman; Ruben J. Dailey, Division One chairman; L. A. Brown, Division Two chairman; Richard Hines, West Asheville enrollment worker; Clifford Hallum, Hill Street School Gra-Y president; Felix Polly, Mountain Street School Gra-Y president; and Jimmy Hallum, Livingston Street School Gra-Y president.

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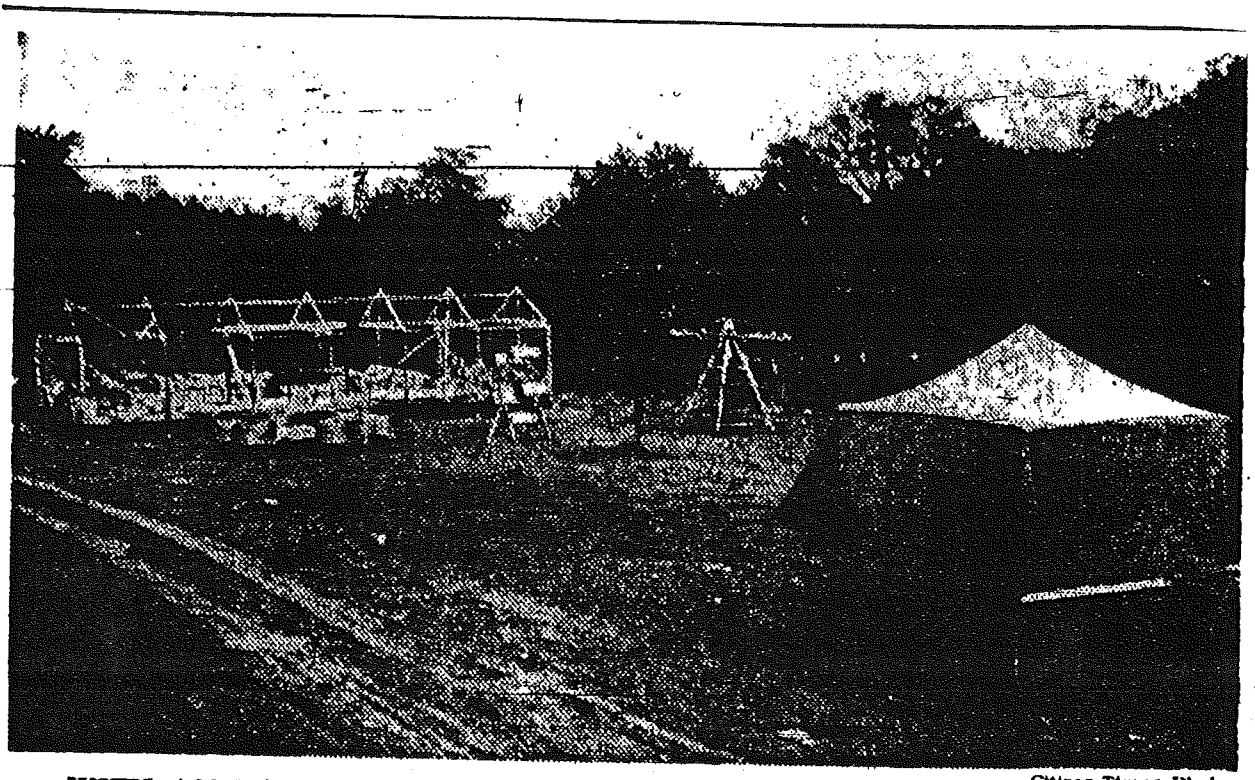

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WITH AN EARLY JUNE OPENING as a goal, work is being pushed at the West Asheville Amusement Park on the old County Home Road. Above, general view shows buildings taking shape. One at upper left will house the bump car ride. Below, Charles W. Stuman of Asheville is shown fitting a window in a miniature school house, one of the obstacles of the park's miniature golf course.

Asheville Citizen May 27, 1956

GRADUATION EXERCISES

OF

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ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

FRIDAY EVENING

JUNE 1, 1956

EIGHT-FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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Woman's College, UNC

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Union College
Schenectady, N. Y.

JIMMY CROWNOVER
University of N. C.

RICHARD DOCTOR
N. R. O. T. C.

SUSAN FOARD
Salem College

KATHERINE HARMON
Blanton's Business College

LAURO JO HILL
Greensboro College

MICHAEL HOLCOMBE
Georgia Tech

DURWOOD HOFLER
Duke University

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Baldwin-Wallace
Conservatory

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WINFORD MARSHALL
Clemson College

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University of Florida

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Randolph-Macon College

JIM MUTTON
N. C. State College

HARVEY NIX
N. C. State College

BILL PATELIDAS
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Clemson College

CLARA PRUETT
Brevard College

NORMA G. ROGERS
Brevard College

MARY JEAN SENTZ
Bryan University

TOMMY SCOTT
Brevard College

MARTHA THOMAS
Agnes Scott College

JEAN WALL
Furman University

TOM WARD
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Duke University

DAVID WHISNANT
Georgia Tech

JIMMY WILLIAMS
University of N. C.

CHARLES WILSON
University of N. C.

Music.....

Invocation

Adventure

Fantasy L

Tomorrow

Frontier La

Our Land...

Awarding o

Benediction

PROGRAM

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Music.....Lee Edwards Concert Band
Joseph DeNardo, Conductor
Donald Kneeburg, Student Conductor

Invocation.....The Reverend W. G. Thomas
West Asheville Presbyterian Church

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STUDENT TALKS
Wide, Wide World

Adventure Land.....James Williams
President of the Senior Class

Fantasy Land.....Joyce Bennett
Representing the Senior Class

Tomorrow Land.....Charles Wilson
President of the Student Body

Frontier Land.....Monty Sevier
President of the National Honor Society

Our Land.....Barbara Jean Pollitt
Representing the Senior Class

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Awarding of Diplomas.....Earl C. Funderburk
Superintendent of City Schools
O. L. Norment
Principal, Lee Edwards High School
Mrs. L. R. Hoffman
Dean of Girls, Lee Edwards High School

Benediction.....The Reverend W. G. Thomas

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Carolyn Marie Hill
Laura Jo Hill
Margaret Marie Hill
Henry Durward Hofler
Joretta Elaine Hogan
Richard Michael Holcombe
Chester Arthur Honeycutt, Jr.
Billie Gray Hopper
Carroll Tracy Horton
Thomas Eric Hudspeth
Marilyn Louise Hughes
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John Marvin Ingle
Robert Eugene Ingle
Andrew Burton Ingram
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Donald Warren Israel
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Lawrence Gregg Miller
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Nancy Carolyn Mills
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William Henry Moore
Ada Melissa Moose
Julia Ann Morgan
Patricia Duane Morgan
Anne Wentworth Morrison
Artus Monroe Moser
William Herman Mull
Ferne Naomi Munday
Marcia Dail Murdoch
James Orval Mutton
James Allen Myrick
Frances Marie Naves
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Irma Lee Neilson
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Lynne Nichols
Phyllis Gail Nicholson
Harvey Clyde Nix, Jr.
Barbara Ann O'Kelley
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Robert Homer Parker
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Lester Eugene Pruitt
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Allen Rappaport
Anita Gail Ray
Jacqueline Ward Rayfield
Rolfe Reusing
Charles Franklin Rich
Linda Rifkin
David LeRoy Roberts
Jonathan David Roberts
Kathleen Louise Roberts
Melanie Caroline Rochow
Dorothy Anne Rogers
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Norma Gayle Rogers
Norma Jean Rogers
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Mary Helen Williams
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Henry Columbus Wilson
Robert Lee Wilson
Sherry Goins Winslow
Joyce Woody
Anna Caroleen Wright
James Jarrett Young

GOD OF OUR FATHERS

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor thro' the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

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AMERICA

My country, 'tis of Thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountain side
Let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light.
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

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LEAD ON O KING ETERNAL

Lead on, O King Eternal!
Thy day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Thro' days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal!
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
But deeds of love and mercy
The heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal!
We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Wher'er Thy face appears,
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O King of Might.

PROGRAM

Processional—"God of Our Fathers" ..... *Warren*

(Audience standing)

TRUMPETERS

Gus Donnelly — Ralph Redmon
Jack Penland — Gordon Roberts

Invocation ..... The Reverend Bernard Trexler
St. Mark's United Lutheran Church

Anthem—"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ..... *Shelley*

Mixed Chorus

Hymn "America" ..... *Carey*

Solo—"God Is Ever Beside Me" ..... *DeRose*

Mary Jean Sentz

Sermon ..... The Reverend C. Grier Davis
First Presbyterian Church

Anthem—"God So Loved the World" ..... *Stainer*

Mixed Chorus

Benediction ..... The Reverend Bernard Trexler

Recessional—"Lead On, O King Eternal" ..... *Smart*

ANNUAL

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Lee H. Edwards High School

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Lee H. Edwards Auditorium

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 27, 1956

EIGHT O'CLOCK

Asheville, N. C. Wednesday, June 13, 1956

MRS. GALYEAN MRS. DANIELS MRS. JOHNSON MRS. ROBINSON MRS. WHITNEY

INSTALLED—New officers were installed at a meeting of West Asheville Memorial Unit 335, American Legion Auxiliary, last night in the Post Home, Haywood Road. They include: Mrs. Ruth Galyean first vice president; Mrs. Robert E. Daniels, president; Mrs. J. W. Robinson, second vice president; Mrs. W. R. Whitney, recording secretary. The installation was conducted jointly with the post. Mrs. Paul J. Johnson of Hendersonville, president-elect of the Department of North Carolina, American Legion Auxiliary, was a guest at the meeting.

– Citizen Times Photo

Mrs. Treadway Mrs. Snow Mrs. Hamlin Miss Powell

THE RHODODENDRON CLUB OF ASHEVILLE is the first of the 13 federated clubs in the city to put up General Federation of Woman's Clubs road signs. The signs, which are being erected throughout the country, will show visitors to each city the time and meeting place of Federated Clubs. Members of the Rhododendron Club, above, with one of two signs which are already in place, are Mrs. Alline Treadway, Mrs. Bill Snow, Mrs. Kathryn Hamlin and Miss Pauline Powell.

Asheville Citizen September 8, 1956

Jarrett's A Man With Idea About Dream Of A Highway

Ash. Citizen-Times
9-9-56

By DOUG REED

L. E. Jarrett is a man with an idea—almost a dream—about a highway.

It is good to have ideas and dreams about things, he believes, for their own sake as well as for concrete accomplishment.

This is his "dream" highway:

You are on U. S. 70 three miles east of the city, and approaching Asheville by car.

At Haw Creek, a short distance behind Haw Creek School, you make a sweeping left turn onto a modern, four-lane highway which passes west of Haw Creek stream, overpassing U. S. 74 west of Dreamland Drive-In Theater and intersecting Swannanoa Road near Haw Creek Bridge.

Swannanoa Road is now a four-lane highway also, expanded from its present size but in the same general location and using part of the present road bed.

You follow this enlarged Swannanoa Road west toward Biltmore Avenue. It is the same route designated as a truck route by the city. Only now, it is widened into a major traffic by-pass. Already, traffic at Beaucatcher Tunnel where 17,500 vehicles per day swarm, has been greatly relieved.

Approaching the city on the new route, you notice that the embankment along the Swannanoa River has been raised for flood protection.

You cross Biltmore Avenue at grade. (U. S. 25 South has already been switched from Biltmore to McDowell Street.) You proceed west on Meadows Road, underpassing McDowell Street. If you had desired to connect with a south-bound route, you could have turned onto Biltmore Avenue which leads to U. S. 25 at Hendersonville Road.

Meadow Road, now greatly improved, had a good start to begin with since the city had improved and widened it for the truck-route. After passing under McDowell Street Bridge (where a few inexpensive buildings along the north edge of the new by-pass had been removed) you follow the truck route closely but as you approach Victoria Road Bridge crossing the Southern Railway lines, the by-pass drops slightly to the south, swinging up an easy grade and crossing Victoria Road on grade, thence around the big bend in the tracks EAST of the railroad lines. The truck route crosses Victoria Road Bridge and makes a large loop WEST of the tracks.)

Now you are at a point directly east of Carrier Bridge. You can see a long, curving viaduct immediately before you, jumping the lines north of the old round house and heading straight into Carrier Bridge and Amboy Road. Here, you can make a connection with the city truck route and turn north on a route connecting with U. S. 19-23 via Hall Street and N. C. 191 at Woodfin, which in turns, gives you a connection with U. S. 25-70 and 19-23 North.

To continue west on Amboy Road, also widened for four-lane traffic, you travel virtually in a straight line to an underpass at N. C. 191 South (Brevard Road) at Shelburne.

On an expanded Shelburne, you travel a short distance to a point near Hominy Creek (marking the city limits line) where you leave Shelburne, cutting almost due east across Bear Creek Road into the old Malvern Hills Golf Course (now a corn field) and emerging on U. S. 19-23 West at the city limits near Asheville School Road.

You have followed a six-mile route that connected with every highway in Buncombe County with the exception of N. C. 63 to Leicester!

Jarrett's idea may be held to be as elusive as a dream so far as actual accomplishment is concerned.

But it just could be within the grasp of the highway-conscious people of Asheville and Buncombe County.

It is not a grandiose highway that Jarrett thinks about. It is not offered by this mild-mannered retail florist to be "against" some other project.

It is still bright with the newness of an idea that has been touched only lightly.

It is worth something to have an idea. It is the genesis of progress.

Jarrett has put forth his idea only cautiously, almost timidly and with great modesty. If he did not believe in its value to the community, it is probable he never would have ventured to make it known.

From East of Biltmore to West of Asheville, for those who know their local geography, is a logical direction for any highway to run that would avoid the city. The southern passage is the natural one. To pass north, one would confront the mountain ranges on the east through which the city years ago bored at Beaucatcher. The city stretches north from its broad east-west base, presenting a highly developed front that would be difficult to flank and almost impossible to easily penetrate.

Contrariwise, the route south of the city is already there. It need be only expanded, and slightly modified, with new construction required only here and there.

No one could safely say that the Jarrett plan is unassailable from an economic or engineering standpoint.

It may be economically impossible and practically unsound.

It may not be. The city after all, it already using a good deal of it for the truck route.

But perhaps the most serious argument against the venture is the long-range planning on highway construction in Buncombe.

The record, if nothing else, shows that the Pigeon River interstate road from the west will approach Asheville from Clyde, veering off west of the city and according to Highway Chairman A. H. Graham, possibly crossing the French Broad with a new bridge. This road is headed toward Spartanburg on the maps which means the road would be passing somewhere near the Jarrett highway.

From the east, the interstate route as proposed on paper would also swing southward just outside the city, intersecting with the western interstate highway.

These proposed routings scarcely can be ignored. But Jarrett believes, and probably would find some support, that when and if the interstates get here, as limited access defense highways, they will not provide all the answers either.

Asheville Citizen Times
September 9, 1956

About L. E. Jarrett

L. E. Jarrett lives on Monte Vista Road. With his wife, he operates Jarrett Flower Center on Patton Ave., and has been in the nursery and flower business here for 26 years.

He has been an engineer, surveyor and architect, however, and has some qualifications that extend beyond those of many others, who like Jarrett, have ideas on highways.

From 1916 until 1929, Jarrett was county engineer. He prepared all the tax maps except for the first four wards of the city up until 1929. These included the first tax maps on West Asheville, Beaverdam, Haw Creek and other sections of the county.

A native of Asheville, Jarrett's most important job, perhaps, was supervision of construction of the Buncombe Courthouse.

Jarrett went out of public office in 1929 to enter the private nursery business.

Calvary Baptist Church Sunday School Will Observe Golden Jubilee Tomorrow

Ash Times 9/22/56

The Sunday School of Calvary Baptist Church will observe its golden jubilee during the services tomorrow.

The Sunday school was organized Sept. 23, 1906 with 122 members. The Rev. J. B. Grice, now retired, was moderator.

Among the teachers chosen that day was Miss Annie Logan, now Mrs. O. V. Himes. She was assigned to the primary department.

Mrs. Himes, affectionately known as "Miss Annie," has continued to serve as a teacher in the primary department, and she will be especially honored during the program tomorrow. She will be presented with a gift on behalf of the church school. The Rev. J. Lester Lane, pastor, will make the presentation.

Mrs. Himes joined the West End Baptist Church when 14 years of age and began playing a small organ for the infant class of which her mother, Mrs. W. E. Logan, was the teacher. She served as pianist at the West End Church for three years before the organization of Calvary.

She taught in a mission Sunday School which later became Calvary Baptist Sunday School, and as soon as an organ was obtained she became organist. Later when a piano replaced the organ she became pianist, and still later when a pipe organ was installed she played the organ from 1926 to 1935.

She has been superintendent of primary children through what the pastor describes as "those golden years." She also served as the first president of the Baptist Young People's Union of the new church, secretary to the Women's Missionary Society, and president of the group in 1927, an office she held for two years.

She served from 1913 to 1926 as superintendent of the Women's Missionary Union of the Buncombe Baptist Association, and later as superintendent of the WMU in the Asheville Division for two years.

She has served in the Association as superintendent of primary schools.

During the week Mrs. Himes teaches first, second and third grade in the Child Garden School which she runs with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Lawrence.

"Harvest Day" is being observed by the church in connection with the golden aniversary, for the purpose of "bringing all the unsaved and unlisted into membership of the church."

Beginning Monday at 7:30 p. m. and continuing through Friday there will be a study session on the book, "The Pull of the People." Dr. Mack Goss, pastor of First Baptist Church of Hendersonville, will be the teacher. Adults and young people and the intermediates will meet together for the session. There will be classes for juniors and primaries, and a nursery will be open.

At 7:45 p. m. tomorrow there will be a program of sacred music by all the graded choirs of the church.

There will be a Sunday School workers supper meeting Wednesday at 5:45 p. m., and the Ambassadors Chorus and Royal Ambassadors will meet at 9:30 a. m. on Sept. 29.

The Forshaw Class will hold a supper meeting today at 5:30 p. m. in the church. W. L. Lovelace is teacher of the class.

Asheville Times September 22, 1956

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN
for and about WOMEN
10 Wednesday, October 24, 1956

~Citizen Photo—Hunter

MEMBERS OF ST. JOAN OF ARC GUILD select a china pattern to be used for various functions of the school. The committee includes (L-R) Mrs. Martha Boehme, Mrs. Geraldine Schenck, treasurer, and Mrs. Doreen Hensley, chairman. The china will be used for the turkey dinner to be served at the Halloween Bazaar tomorrow from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the school.

ABOUT 20 CHILDREN were enrolled in the new nursery located on the second floor of the Grace Baptist Church on Haywood Rd. The nursery has been equipped with new furniture and is operated each Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. under the direction of Mrs. J. N. Dickerson. Shown in this photo are (L to R): five nursery children, David Ezell, Sharon Ezell, Eddie Merkel, Jimmy Stancil, and Rickie Armstrong; Mrs. Guy Armstrong, nursery worker; and Mrs. Dickerson.

CRAPPIE CATCHERS— Mr and Mrs Ed Randall, Frank Randall, and Mr and Mrs Howard Wise (left to right), all of West Asheville, caught 42 crappies and two bass in 2½ hours of fishing last Monday near Galloway's Boat Dock on Lake Douglas. The 42 crappies are shown. The party was fishing with super dudes and red and white polar bears. The total catch weighed 60 pounds. Mrs Randall caught the largest fish of the day. Frank caught six crappies on six consecutive casts and Ed turned the trick five times straight.

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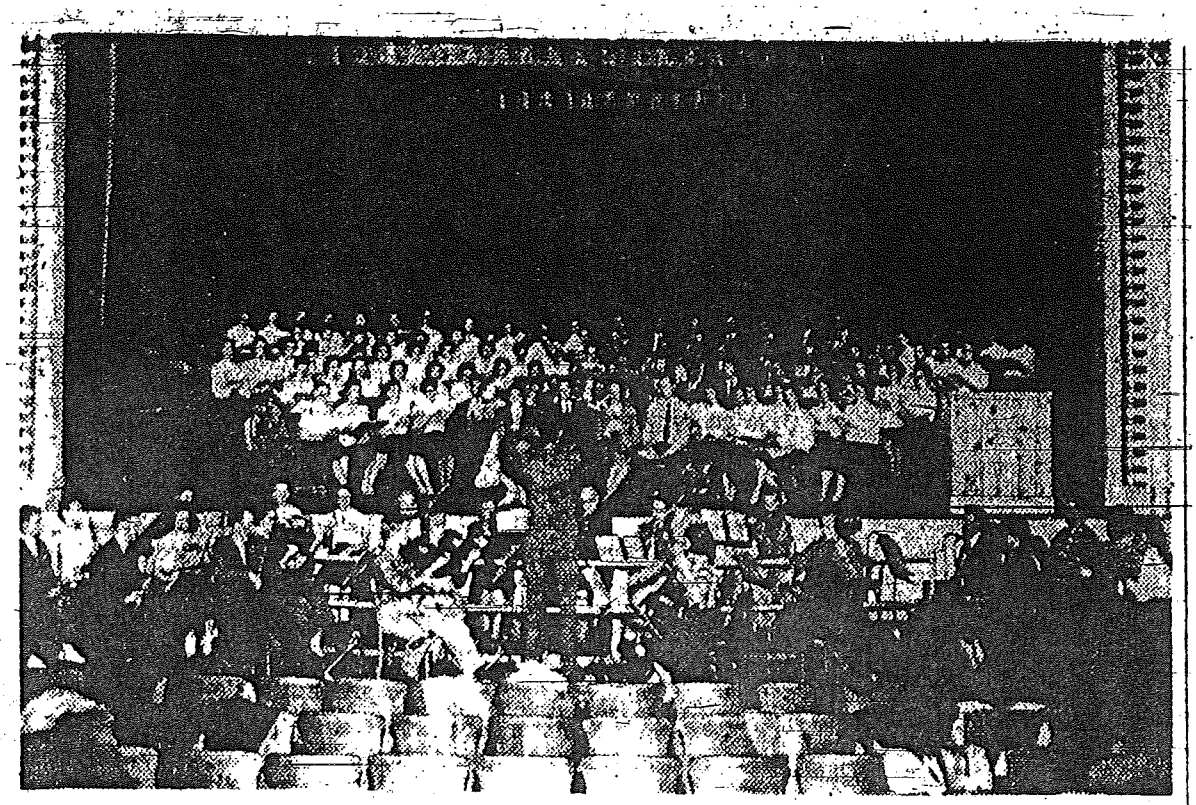
ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, ASHEVILLE, N. C.
Sunday, December 9, 1956



HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" will be presented today at 4 p.m. in the Hall Fletcher High School auditorium by the 158-voice West Asheville Community Choir and Asheville Little Symphony under the direction of Dr. Richard Renfro of the Western Carolina College music department. Representing all West Asheville churches, the choir and orchestra, shown rehearsing, are being sponsored by the West Asheville Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs and the West Asheville Business Association. Featured soloists will be Germaine Haserot, soprano; Joyce Hobbs, contralto; Charles Crocker, tenor; and Richard Grace, bass.

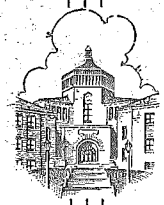
NEW CHURCH HOME—Unitarians of Asheville have purchased this 14-room apartment building at 120 Vermont Ave., and will hold the first service in the building tomorrow at 11 a. m. The group has changed the name from Unitarian Fellowship to Unitarian Church. The interior of the building is being remodeled and furnished. It will have a chapel, kitchen, recreation room and Sunday School rooms. There will be a formal dedication later. The group has been meeting in the YMCA.

Bruce Emory Research

FAREWELL DINNER

GEORGE VANDERBILT HOTEL

Friday Evening, April 26, 1957



SENIOR CLASS

LEE EDWARDS HIGH SCHOOL

TOASTMASTER — HEZZY MILLER

To the Senior Class of 1957

As graduation ends the wonderful years we have shared—the joys, the sorrows, the work, the fun—I wish to express my gratitude for all that you have meant to me.

May the memories of our wonderful times together always be close to our hearts. May God bless and keep each one of you.

"Hezzy"

PROGRAM

Invocation ..... Dot Wilson

Introduction of Guests ..... Toastmaster

Solo ..... Gene West
Accompanist - Linda Lou Peek

Speaker ..... Bob Sevier
Pres.-elect Student Body

Music ..... Girls' Sextette
Accompanist - Susie West

Speaker ..... Bill Spake

Music ..... Boys' Octette
Accompanist - Gary Keylon
Mixed Ensemble
Director - Beverly Hayes

Song—*Auld Lang Syne* ..... Class

ANNUAL
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Lee H. Edwards High School

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Lee H. Edwards Auditorium

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 26, 1957

EIGHT O'CLOCK

GOD OF OUR FATHERS

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor thro' the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud and praise be ever thine.

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AMERICA

My country, 'tis of Thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountain side
Let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light.
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

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LEAD ON O KING ETERNAL

Lead on, O King Eternal!
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Thro' days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal!
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
But deeds of love and mercy
The heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal!
We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Wher'er Thy face appears,
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O King of Might.

PROGRAM

Processional—"God of Our Fathers" ..... Warren
(Audience standing)

TRUMPETERS

Gus Donnelly	Ralph Redmon
Charles Davis	Larry Sanders

Invocation ..... The Reverend Walter M. Caston

Anthem—"I Shall Not Pass Again This Way" ..... Effinger
Girls' Chorus

Hymn—"America" ..... Carey

Solo—"Twenty-Third Psalm" ..... Malotte
Catherine Logan

Sermon ..... The Reverend John W. Tuton

Anthem—"No Man Is an Island" ..... Whitney and Kramer
Mixed Chorus

Benediction ..... The Reverend Walter M. Caston

Recessional—"Lead On, O King Eternal" ..... Smart

Board Retires T. H. Hunt As Junior High Principal

Hall Fletcher Junior High School students today rallied to the support of their Principal, T.H. Hunt, retired—over his protest—by the City School Board.

The board, meeting in monthly session in City Building yesterday afternoon, listened to some 30 adults and students praise Hunt and urge his reelection as principal. Then it followed the recommendation of its superintendent of schools, E. C. Funderburk, who said that Hunt had reached the retirement age of 65 and that he could not request that he be rehired.

Hunt's retirement becomes effective at the end of the school year. It will end 35 years of service in the city schools system.

Funderburk's recommendation that Hunt be retired touched off a furor highlighted by a demand for the resignation of the entire School Board.

Some of the crowd of 100 persons gathered downstairs in City Council chambers later to organize a protest to City Council. Council appoints the school board but has no jurisdiction over schools.

This morning the Hall Fletcher students marched into the school auditorium and heard student body leaders state that they best could help their principal's cause by returning to class.

Nine students, comprising a student body commttee and chosen more or less by acclamation, conferred with Dan Judd, West Asheville businessman and Republican party leader, on plans for a meeting of parents and students in the school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. today.

Among members of the student committee were Larry Brendle, Dickie McGalliard, Richard Owenby, Roy Helton, Julia Teeter and Johnny Rhea.

The nine at first refused to give reporters their names or to have their pictures taken but upon urging of Judd, they agreed to sit for a picture, and six of them gave their names.

A second picture, suggested by a woman identified as Mrs. T.W. Hudspeth, 29 Rumbough Pl., fell through when a teacher ordered the pupils back to class.

Mrs. Hudspeth, who refused to give reporters her name and left hurriedly when asked her name, suggested that the students step outside and be photographed in a posed "spontaneous demonstration."

Judd said he had been asked to help the students plan for tonight's meeting but said he did not know who had telephoned the request that he come to the school.

The Times received an anonymous tip this morning that a strike of students was under way at the school. A few students were in the hall when a reporter arrived. But a teacher hustled them off to classes.

The Hall Fletcher office attendant said Hunt was at Aycock School with the band.

The delegation which met in City Council chambers late yesterday afternoon named Harold K. Bennett, Judd, Troy White, Mrs. George Todd, Mrs. Ruth Sprung, Mrs. A. S. Beaman and W. J. Murphy to a committee to map strategy in a drive to retain Hunt.

Fifteen other city school principals were rehired by the board and virtually all teachers in the system.

Other retirements authorized by board were Mrs. A. S. Beaman, Hall Fletcher; Mrs. Alice H. Jones, Vance; Mrs. Beulah Hoffman, Lee Edwards; Mrs. Louise Bryson, Randolph.

The early stages of yesterday's board meeting was orderly. Supporters of Hunt spoke for an aggregate of one hour and 15 minutes urging his reappointment.

When Funderburk recommended the reappointment of 15 principals — omitting Hunt's name from the list—speakers jumped to their feet to demand a delay in the vote.

W. J. Murphy, who had earlier praised Hunt for his handling of boys—"Hunt believes there is no such thing as a bad boy"—asked that the board hold up action until petitions could be circulated in West Asheville asking for Hunt's rehiring.

When the board showed little inclination to discuss the matter further and appeared headed for a vote, Murphy called for the resignation of the entire five member board. His demand was greeted by applause.

Funderburk, in defending his action in retiring Hunt, said that "in the last analysis the responsibility is mine, whether I like it or not—I can only do according to the courage of my convictions . . . My convictions are purely objective."

He said, at one point, that he had been superintendent here only two years.

"That's two years too long," a voice from the rear of the room said.

At another time he said he had to follow his conscience in deciding that it was time for Hunt to retire.

"What conscience?" asked another voice from the rear.

Among speakers at the outset were the Rev. W. W. Preston, pastor of Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church, and a former teacher and school principal; the Rev. Nane Starnes, pastor of West Asheville Baptist Church; Kelly Roberts, Judd, Dan Foster, Frank Cocke, a retired Marine; Mrs. Nell Crawford, retired teacher; Mrs. L. F. Lott, Mrs. Calvin Marshall, Mrs. Ruth Sprung, Joe Eblen, Hall Fletcher coach.

Also Miss Thelma Jones, Hall Fletcher science teacher; Bland Church, Seth Perkinson, Domestic Relations Court Judge W. A. Hart, James Burns, a student; Frank Glenn, a Lee Edwards student and former Hall Fletcher student; Ed Meadows, Troy White, Dr. P. R. Terry, county coroner, Mrs. A. S. Beaman, C. T. Jones and Guy Weaver.

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Bruce Emory Research

BENNETT KRICKBAUM

COASTAL MONSTERS—Susan Bennett and George Krickbaum, both aged 10 of West Asheville, pose behind eight of 29 largemouth bass caught at Currituck on the coast by a party of four which included Susan's daddy. The catch was made last weekend. In addition to W. R. Bennett and L. G. Young of Asheville, the party included H. E. West and Lennie Shaw of Durham. The boys made their catch on Johnson Spoons and Jitterbugs.

Asheville Citizen May 27, 1957

GRADUATION EXERCISES

OF

LEE H. EDWARDS HIGH SCHOOL

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

SATURDAY EVENING

JUNE 1, 1957

EIGHT-FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

ASHEVILLE CITY AUDITORIUM

SCHOLARSHIPS

Claudia Arrowood ..... American Classical League Scholarship
Diane Chambers ..... Woman's College, University of North Carolina
Carolyn Clapp ..... Salem College
Stephen Crawford ..... Duke University
National Merit Scholarship
Mark Edwards ..... Duke University
Angier Duke Scholarship
John Fox ..... University of North Carolina
Claude Gibson ..... Western Carolina College
Robert Gibson ..... Citadel
Frank Glenn ..... Wake Forest College
George Foster Hawkins Scholarship
Glenda Humphries ..... Woman's College, University of North Carolina
Tom Hunnicutt ..... University of North Carolina
John Josephson ..... University of Georgia
Charles McElroy ..... N. C. State College
Talent for Service
John McRary ..... National Merit Scholarship
James H. Miller ..... University of North Carolina
Morehead Scholarship
Joel Ray ..... N. C. State College
Talent for Service
Robert Redmon ..... Enka Foundation Scholarship
Alan Reynolds ..... Duke University
N. R. O. T. C.
Gordon Roberts ..... Enka Foundation Scholarship
Edward Rudeen ..... Western Carolina College
Larry Sitton ..... Wake Forest College
George Foster Hawkins Scholarship
Deanne Smith ..... Queens College
William Spake ..... Civitan Good Citizenship Scholarship
Carolyn Thomas ..... Agnes Scott
National Merit Scholarship
Gene West ..... Cincinnati College Conservatory
Susie West ..... Western Carolina College
Dorothy Wilson ..... Greensboro College
Norman Wisnant ..... Georgia Institute of Technology

PROGRAM

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Music ..... Lee Edwards Concert Band

Joseph DeNardo, Director
Frank Glenn, Student Director

Invocation ..... The Reverend A. J. Cox
Trinity Methodist Church

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STUDENT TALKS

"And Now Abideth Faith, Hope, Charity" . . .

And Now Abideth Faith ..... James H. Miller
President of the Senior Class

And Now Abideth Hope ..... John Fox
President of the National Honor Society

And Now Abideth Charity ..... William Spake
President of the Student Body

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Awarding of Diplomas ..... Earl C. Funderburk
Superintendent of City Schools

W. P. Griffin
Principal, Lee Edwards High School

Mrs. L. R. Hoffman
Dean of Girls, Lee Edwards High School

Donald D. Jones
Dean of Boys, Lee Edwards High School

Benediction ..... The Rev. A. J. Cox

SENIOR CLASS OF 1957

Ernest Emmett Abbott, Jr.
Judie Ann Allman
Harold Mack Anders
Jerry Armstrong
Claudia Gwendolyn Arrowood
Verona Jean Arrowood
Beverly Ann Atkins
Thomas Carlyle Autrey
Patricia Ann Autry
Mary Frances Bailey
Carolyn Rebecca Ball
Patricia Joanne Ballard
Janet Wolcott Barfield
Charles Richard Barnes
Randy Benjamin Barnwell
George Thomas Batchelor
Robert Willis Baumberger
Judith Lee Baumgardner
Betty Jo Ann Bearden
David Paul Bell
John Grover Bell
James William Black
Aaron Michael Blankenship
Margaret Nancy Blankenship
Rodney Blackburn Booth
Donald Dewey Boyd
Oscar Eugene Brackett
Dale Loren Brewster
Judith Ann Bridges
Helen Marie Brooks
Derwood Belmont Brown, Jr.
Sandra Read Brown
Richard Erwin Bryan
Esther Ann Buchanan
Eleanor Faye Buckner
Paul Harold Burgin
Betty Lois Burnette
Paul Douglas Lee Burrell
Anne Marie Buttemere
Natalie Annette Cantrell
Walter Vernon Caston
Diane Chambers
Lawrence Carl Chambers
Piers Lawrence Chance
Martha Travers Chiott
Laura Louise Chockley
Frances Louise Chunn
Katherine Ann Church
Carolyn Celeste Clapp
Ralph Ross Clark
Shirley Ann Clark
Thomas Erban Clark
William Henry Clark
James Goldman Clouse
John Charles Cobb
Donna Faye Coddington
James Marion Coddington
David William Cole
Joann Lavern Cole
Bonnie Ruth Cole
Watson A. Conlan
La Gonda Sue Cook
Arthur Wayne Cordell
Jaimie Elizabeth Cornwell
Carolyn Jane Cothran
Judith Joan Crandall
Stephen Gregory Crawford
Caroline Saundra Crompton
Mary Gail Dalton
Ralph T. Davis, Jr.
Joseph Anthony Deaton
George S. Demos
Anthony C. Dendrino
Selina Mae Denny
Earl Jackson DeWeese
Joan Dale DeWeese
Byron W. Dobbs, Jr.
William David Dockery
Floride Louise Douglas
Richard A. Downs
Brenda Ann Duffy
Bradie Gene Duncan, Jr.
Dawnn Patricia Earley
Jo Anne Edwards
Mark Brownlow Edwards
Nancy Sue Edwards
Judith Elaine Eller
Frankie Hampton Ellis
Gary L. Ellis
Bruce Hampton Emory
Patricia Inez English
Barbara Jean Evans
Charles Bruce Farlow
Cynthia Goddard Fawcett
Ronda Jean Feldman
Reuben Weeks Fleming, Jr.
Margaret Elizabeth Fluharty
Charles S. Ford
Wesley Morgan Foster
Dorothy Joann Fowler
Ellis Ward Fox
John Birkhead Fox
Henry George Fulghum
Robert Randolph Gaines
John P. Gaston
John Breckenridge Gibbs
Claude Andrew Gibson
John Robert Gibson
Frank C. Glenn, Jr.
Ruth Ann Goforth
Deanna Joyce Gosnell
Margaret Cameron Grove
Peggy Jean Guest
Earl Russell Guss, Jr.
James Michael Guthrie
Joe L. Hall
William Charles Hampton, Jr.
Patricia Anne Harris
Ronald Keith Harris
Mary Linette Harwood
Beverly Ann Hayes
Donald Edward Haynes
Nancy Claudia Haynes
Margaret Dawson Heine
James Colvin Heise
Barbara Ann Hembree
William Gerald Henderson
Charles Richard Hensley
William Evan Herman
Ina Lee Holder
John Baxter Hooper
Lawrence O'Hear Howard
Thomas Gerald Howie, Jr.
Walter Sherman Hoyle
Glenda Moore Humphries
Thomas Blacknall Hunnicutt
Nancy Jeanette Hunsinger
Helen Josephine Hyams
Allen Wayne Ingle
Ann Elizabeth Ingle
Beverly Geneva Ingle
Joanne Isensee
Donald Warren Israel
Frances Gail Jackson
James Dwight Jackson
Paul Jacobs, Jr.
Claudia Du Val Jarrett
Martha Sue Jarrett
Alton Ray Johnson
Dorothea Scharlotte Johnson
George Ligon Johnson
Nancy Elizabeth Johnson
Patricia Anne Johnson
Thomas George Johnson, Jr.
John Armstrong Josephson
Elizabeth Louise Jung
George Harrison Keeling
James Herbert Kemp, Jr.
Maggie Lee Kent
Roy Delaney King
Martha Frances Kinser
Marilyn Loy Kolb
Lunette Estelle Kowal
William Walter Lacey
Ellington Anderson Lackey

SENIOR CLASS OF 1957

(CONTINUED)

Carroll Hayes Lance
Kenneth Boyce Lance
Royce Edward Lance
Angela Kathleen Lanning
Anna Jean Liner
Catherine Rose Logan
Patricia Ann Loveridge
Linda Kathryn Lowe
Allen Lund
Barbara Ann Lushbaugh
Amelia Jean Lyerly
Charles Eugene Magnet, Jr.
Bernard Martin Mamlin
Clara Anne Martin
Dorothy Anne Martin
Robert Harris Martin
Clifton Berry Mashburn
Jimmie B. Mason
Charles Granville Masters, Jr.
Robert Wayde Matheson
Ronald Paul Mayer
Mary Ann McAbee
Daisy Gertrude McCall
Q. Donald McCall, Jr.
Gary Norman McClure
Patricia McConnell
Judith Elaine McCurry
Harry Gruver McDonnold
Hexie Key McDonnold
Charles Harvey McElroy
Jerry Ronald McGinnis
Ellen Kay McGuire
Eugene Colman McKay
Rosalie Elaine McKenzie
John Walter McRary, III
Floyd Gilmer Meade
Charles Mears
Norma Lynn Merchant
David Riley Messer
Clarence Fred Miller
Herbert Pinkney Miller, III
James Halyburton Miller
Norman Edwin Miller
Mary Milner
Anna Maria Mondozzi
Alice Ann Moore
William Lloyd Morrison
Harold Marvin Mullinax
Cloice Jean Murdoch
Marta Alice Nahikian
Judith Cornelia Nelon
Karen Elizabeth Nelson
Robert Bruce Nelson
Kenneth Monroe Ness
Albert Lee North
Marshaleigh Orr
William Gerald Owenby
Jan Alan Oxley
Reta Christine Palmer
Elizabeth Elaine Partin
Judy Elizabeth Patton
Linda Lou Peek
Jack Eugene Penland
Charles Andrew Pfaff
Jerry Mitchell Plemmons
Joyce Leigh Plemmons
Maurice Kendall Plemmons, Jr.
Peggy Ann Poor
Julia Mae Powell
Bobby Ray Pressley
Tommie Pritchard
Jerry Eugene Purvis
Betty Jean Pyatt
Mildred Jane Ralston
Wes Ferrell Ramsey
Joel Weir Ray
Martha Ann Rayfield
Robert Bruce Redmon, Jr.
Roberta Sue Reese
Melvin Hez Reeves, Jr.
Kaye Selma Reinhardt
Jean Renfro
Alan Carlton Reynolds
Helen Annette Stephens Rice
Margaret Ruth Rice
Joyce Harriet Rickett
Annie Lenora Roberts
Clyde Gordon Roberts
Janet Bonnie Robertson
George Howard Rogers, Jr.
Shirley Elizabeth Rogers
Gaither Dale Rosser
Paul Edward Rudeen, Jr.
Ellen Susanne Sales
Bobby Neil Sams
Herbert Arthur Sandman
Susan Amanda Self
Judith Ann Sellers
Gerald Michael Sher
Howard Lee Sherlin, Jr.
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William Monroe Spake, Jr.
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Glenda Lee Suttle
David Thomas Sutton
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Jacqueline Eva Thomas
Virginia Caroline Thomas
Joseph Locke Thompson
Patricia Ann Thompson
Evelyn Grace Tilson
Gordon Keith Towe
Jack Benny Towe
Martha Sue Vellano
Patrick Noble Vines
Charles Herbert Waddell
Barbara June Walsh
Patsy Ann Walters
Howard Daniel Warren
Agnes Louise Waycaster
Judith Katherine Wells
Roland Dean Wells
Patricia Henry Werhan
Emily Sue West
Herbert Gene West
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Lynda Nelson White
Robert White
William Rogers Whitehead
Donald G. Whitley
Charles William Whitson
Raymond Wesley Whitson
William Robert Wicker
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Patricia Anne Williamson
Dorothy Anne Wilson
Robert Lee Wilson, Jr.
Ruth Ernestine Winchester
Mary Helen Wolfschlag
Gwendolyn Gail Wyatt
Carolyn Darlene Yoder

2 Boys Hurt In Collision Of Car, Bikes

Two 11-year-old boys were injured about 5:24 p.m. yesterday when bicycles on which they were riding and an automobile collided at the intersection of Clinton and Hayes streets in West Asheville.

Police said they were Eddie Nash of 21 Hayes St. and Jerry Roberson of 93 Crabby Ave.

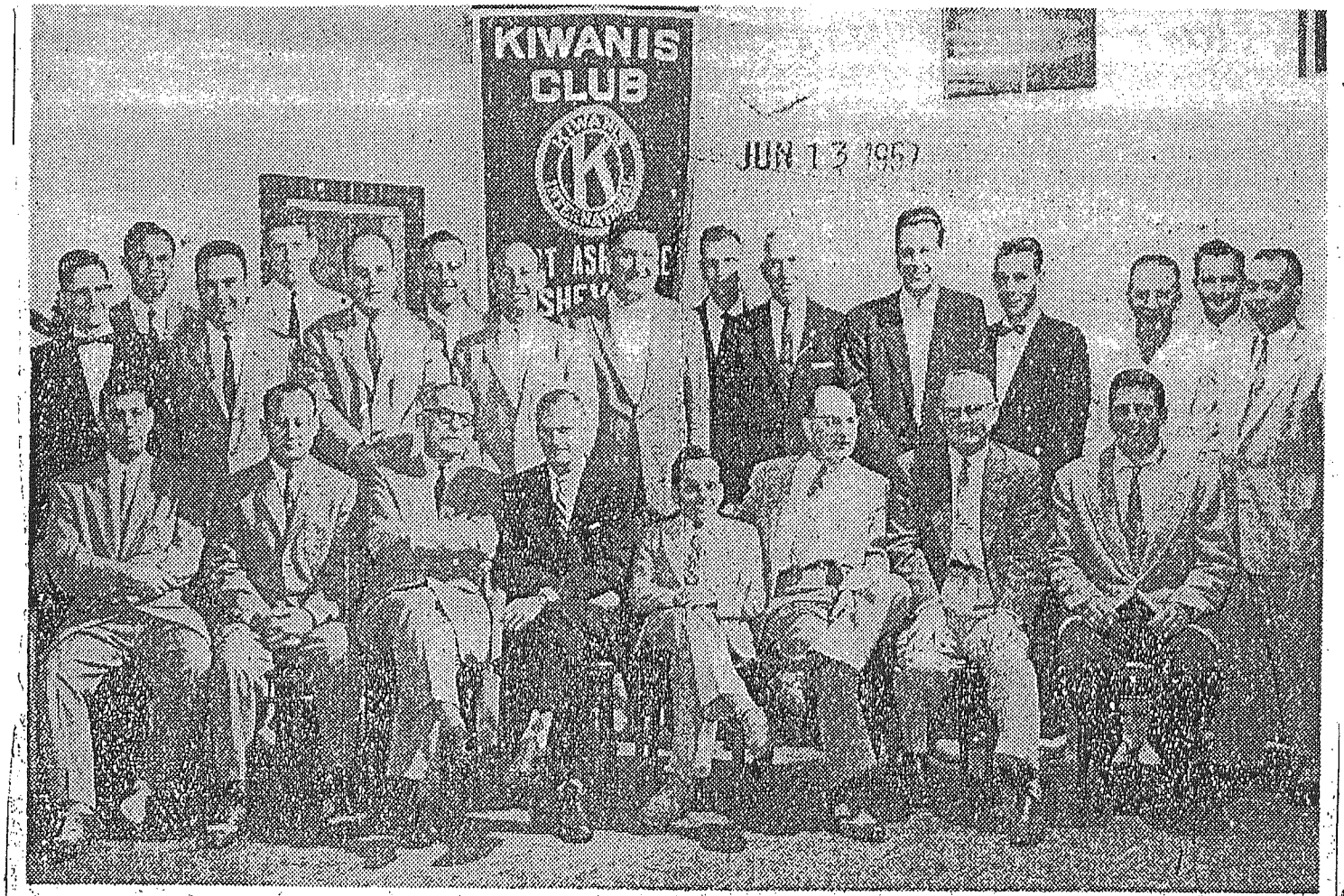
The Nash boy suffered a broken right leg, broken jaw, upper teeth knocked out, broken lower teeth, possible fractured skull and internal injuries. He was admitted to Asiln Park Hospital where attendants said his condition was fair last night.

Roberson received a small abrasion on the right shoulder.

The driver of the car, Clyde M. Shaft, 45, of 365 Sand Hill Rd., was arrested and charged with reckless driving.

Police said the two boys were riding their bikes west on Hayes Street and the Shaft car was traveling south on Clinton Street.

Asheville Citizen June 1, 1957



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WEST ASHEVILLE KIWANIS CLUB inducted 24 new members in one fell swoop at the Brevard Road Masonic Temple Tuesday. Among those inducted were (L to R): seated, F. W. Bradley, H. B. Almon, E. W. Carter, Edward S. Beall, James Liles, L. G. Crouch, Frank T. Jarrett, Ralph Graham; second row, Bill Sisk, Howard Suttle, Lewie Moseley and Kenneth Spivey. Claude DeBruhl, club president, and M. E. Gambrill of Hendersonville (center, second row), district governor, inducted the group. Other new members on second row to right of Gambrill are: Steve Creasman, Hans Raum, Walter Michael and Alton Jarrett; back row, Hubert Redmon, Sidney O. Brandon Jr., Ed Swann, Robert Phillips and J. Wilson Ayres.

Asheville Citizen June 13, 1957

School Echoes

Vance Fourth Graders Install Own Fire Bell

By MARGUERITE ALEXANDER

Since their invention bells have been used for many purposes. They ring out to call people to worship, announce meetings or the serving of meals, their joyful pealing is a traditional part of many celebrations, and they are used as a signal to stop and start work. They also are sounded in warning.

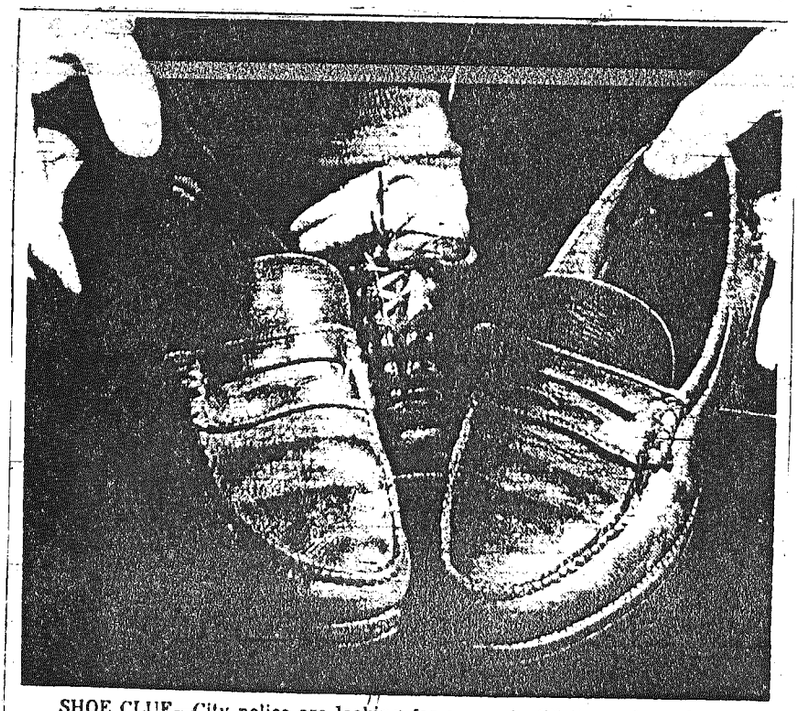
The first bells were shaped like plates and called cymbals. They produced ringing sounds when struck and were used in China. The cup-shaped bell dates from the fourth century. With the coming of electricity the electric bell was developed, and these bells are familiar sounds in most school rooms today, where they are rung as a signal to start and finish classes. The electric bell also is used as a signal of fire in the schools.

At Vance Elementary School fourth grade students in Mrs. Jean Bennett's room began to worry over what would happen if a fire occurred in the school in such a place that it caused a short circuit which would prevent the bell from giving its warning, or if for some other reason the electric power was off when a fire broke out.

The whole room became interested in the problem, and the idea of installing an auxiliary bell run by a battery was suggested. The bell has been made and is now installed on a board in the office of Harold W. Haden, principal.

The entire room worked on the bell with Jay Zellner, Mike Farr, and Trip Williams being chosen to buy the necessary material. Tommy Palmer, David Henson, and Tyman Wait did most of the work of assembling and installing the bell.

Asheville, N. C., Wednesday Evening, November 6, 1957



SHOE CLUE—City police are looking for a man to fill these shoes. They believe they belong to the young thief who robbed a West Asheville grocery store yesterday, and that he ran out of them as he fled the scene.

Police Seek Barefoot Robber In A&P Holdup

City police today are looking for a young man to fill the shoes of a fast worker who took his pay before he got a job at a Haywood road A&P Store yesterday.

He's the holdup man who made away with several hundred dollars from the grocery store cash ier, and then ran out of his black loafers as he fled from pursuers.

The bandit was described as being in his early 20s, somewhere around 5 feet, eight inches tall and weighing around 150 pounds.

Today officials of the A&P store in West Asheville were still checking receipts to learn exactly how much the bandit took.

Store employes told this story to police:

The young man, dressed in gray working clothes with a gray cap, came into the store about 4 90 p.m. yesterday and applied to assistant manager David Swan for a job, saying his name was J. A Brown of Canton.

Swan filed the name and walked to another part of the store. The young man walked over to the manager's door and knocked.

Cashier Faye Holcombe opened the door and saw a pistol pointed at her. The bandit stepped inside and said: "Put your hands up and keep your mouth shut or I'll kill you."

He ordered her to put all the money from the cash drawer in a paper bag he had brought, warned her to "lay low until I get out of sight" and walked out.

Mrs. Holcombe said "I waited until he got out of sight and then I started screaming."

Her shrieks sent two men after the bandit, Neville Ramey, dairy department manager, and Clifton Adkins, clerk.

The men chased the racing bandit across the store parking lot and down Dorchester avenue, halting momentarily when he turned and "clicked" his gun at them.

Ramey then jumped into a car with I. B. Randolph, produce manager, but the two lost sight of their man on Crown street.

Walking over the street later, Randolph found the holdup man's shoes, black loafers.

During last night, three places were broken into here and attempts to enter were reported on three others, police reports show.

Places reported entered here last night and losses follow:

Merchant Calculators Inc. at 233 Patton Ave., sports jacket valued at $30; Roland Pet Shop at 23 Wall St., metal box containing personal papers; and One-Hour Valet Shop at 16 Patton Ave., $40 from a coin box.

Places reporting attempted breakins were Starnes Avenue Grocery at 65 Starnes Ave., the Carolina Barber Shop at 200 Patton Ave. and Asheland Avenue Grocery Store at 80 Asheland Ave.

It also was reported to police that 15 glass windows were broken out of the Parnell-Martin Supply Co. building at 21 Valley Street early yesterday morning. The loss was estimated at $9.65.

Bruce Emory Research

November 26, 1957

W. Asheville's Only Theater Is Shut Down

Permanent closing of the Isis Theater on Haywood Road, only movie house in West Asheville was announced yesterday by Frank LaBar Jr., district manager of Publix Bamford Theaters.

LaBar declined to make any statement on reasons for closing the Isis beyond saying that there are no plans for reopening the theater.

Publix Bamford also operates the Imperial and Paramount movie theaters here. LaBar said operation of the two remaining theaters will be continued.

Bruce Emory Research

MAY - 4 1958

West Asheville Plans Sweepstakes Event

A parade along a three-mile route of Haywood Road at noon Monday and a breakfast of West Asheville merchants at Tingle's Too earlier in the day will launch the merchants' West Asheville Sweepstakes.

In the Sweepstakes event, lasting until mid-June, $4,235 in prizes will be given away, the top prize being a new Edsel Ranger four-door sedan.

Announcement of the Sweepstakes event will be included in Monday's Citizen and Times classified advertising pages.

The Hall Fletcher Junior High School band will be featured in the noon parade Monday, and various business firms among the 52 merchants participating in the Sweepstakes will have entries.

In the Sweepstakes, the general public can participate, without making a purchase and they do not have to be present to win.

The event is sponsored by the West Asheville Business Association.

Asheville Citizen May 4, 1958

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—Citizen Photo

FIFTY-TWO MERCHANTS of West Asheville in a breakfast meeting Monday launched their largest promotion event in history—the West Asheville Sweepstakes. Featured in the merchandising event will be the presentation of $4253.75 in prizes, the top award being a new EDSEL Ranger four-door hardtop. Albert Fortune, promotion committee chairman, is shown presiding; Frank E. Barnard is president of the West Asheville Business Association. In the awarding of prizes, no purchase is required to register and a person doesn't have to be present to win. A parade of 50 units and the Hall Fletcher Junior High School band was featured at noon Monday highlighting the Sweepstakes event. The breakfast session was at Tingle's Too.

Asheville Citizen May 6, 1958

SHOP FRIDAY NIGHTS 'TIL 9

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WEST ASHEVILLE SWEEPSTAKES

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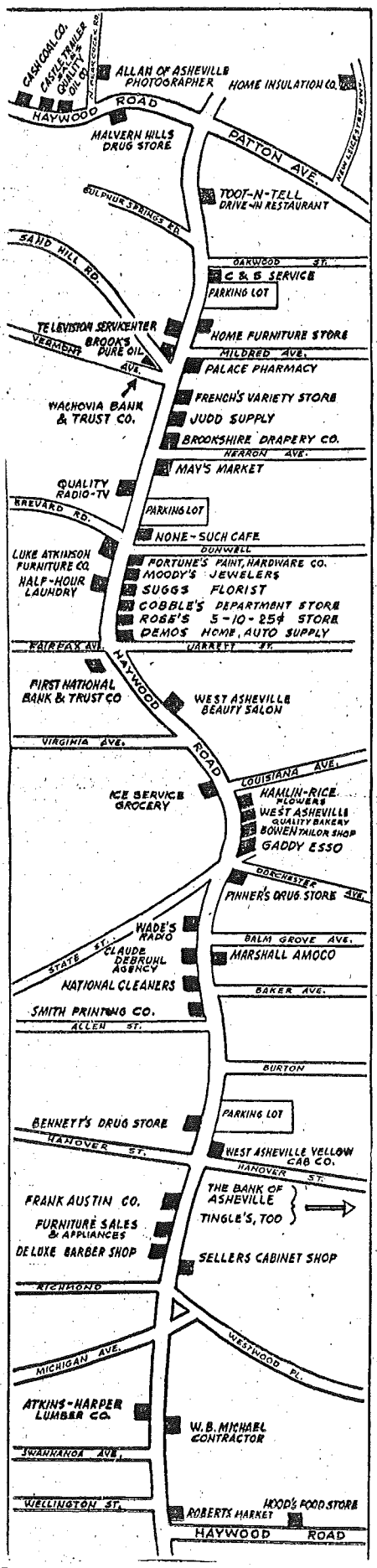
$4253 IN PRIZES



These 52 West Asheville Merchants Participating:

Allan of Asheville Photographer
Atkins-Harper Lumber Co.
Luke Atkinson Furniture Co.
Frank Austin Company
The Bank of Asheville
Bennett's Drug Store
Bowen Tailor Shop
Brooks Pure Oil Service
Brookshire Drapery Co.
C & S Service
Cash Coal Company
Castle Trailer Sales
Cobble's Department Store
Claude DeBruhl Agency
Deluxe Barber Shop
Demos Home & Auto Supply
First National Bank and Trust Co.
Fortune's Paint & Hardware Co.
French's Variety Store
Furniture Sales & Appliance Co.
Harry Gaddy Esso Service
Half Hour Laundry
Hamlin-Rice Flowers
Home Furniture Store
Home Insulation Company
Hood's Food Store
Ice Service, Inc. Grocery
Judd Supply Co.
Malvern Hills Drug Store
Marshall's Amoco Service Station
May's Market
W. B. Michael Contractor
Moody's Jewelers
National Cleaners
None-Such Cafe
Palace Rexall Pharmacy
Pinner's Drug Store
Quality Oil Company
Quality Radio & TV Service
Roberts Market
Rose's 5-10-25c Store
Sellers Cabinet Shop
Smith Printing Company
Suggs Florists
Television Servicenter
Tingle's, Too
Toot-N-Tell Drive-In Restaurant
Wachovia Bank and Trust Co.
Wade's Radio Service
West Asheville Beauty Salon
West Asheville Quality Bakery
West Asheville Yellow Cab Co.

SHOP UNTIL 9 P. M. FRIDAYS

NOTHING TO BUY
You Don't Have To Be Present To Win!

SHOP UNTIL 9 P. M. FRIDAYS

HERE ARE THE PRIZES:

Order-Rest Orderpedic matching box springs and mattress, given by Home Furniture Store, value $139.00.

16 by 20-inch Painted Photograph, $75 value, given by Allan of Asheville, Photographer.

Chapman living room lamp, value $45, given by Brookshire Drapery Company.

Stephen-Laurie combination storm door, value $79, given by Home Insulation Company.

Universal deep fat fryer, value $29.95, given by Judd Supply Comapny.

152 Porter Cable Saber Saw, $54.95 value, given by Fortune's Paint and Hardware Company.

Motorola Pixie Portable Radio with leather carrying case, given by Furniture Sales & Appliance Co.

Sunbeam electric shaver, value $29.50, given by Cobble's Department Store.

One ton Black Beauty Coal, value $16, given by Cash Coal Company.

One hundred pounds of ice, given by Ice Service and Grocery.

Certificate worth $27.50—week's groceries for family of four, given by May's Market.

$25 Certificate for dry cleaning, given by National Cleaners.

Please Note: Folded or mutilated tickets will be thrown out before drawing is made.

Sheaffer pen-pencil set, $25 value, given by Pinner's Drug Store.

Six months' supply of Borden's Ice Cream, from your favorite West Asheville merchant.

Zenith table model radio, given by Wade's Radio Service, value $24.95.

Certificate good for $10 in merchandise, given by Rose's 5-10-25c Store.

TV Service Certificate worth $10, given by Television Servicenter.

Wrought Iron picnic table legs, $14.95 value, given by Atkins-Harper Lumber Company.

Six-gallon outboard motor tank, $19.95 value, given by Demos Home and Auto Store.

Merchandise valued at $10, given by Suggs Florists.

Gasoline, oil and filter, $10 value, given by C and S Service.

Merchandise valued at $10, given by None-Such Cafe.

Westinghouse steam iron, $16.95 value, given by French's Variety Store.

Suit length of material for lady's suit, $12 value, given by Bowen's Tailor Shop.

Elgin watch—man's or lady's—value $45, given by Moody's Jewelers.

Creme shampoo and set, West Asheville Beauty Shop.

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Asheville Citizen May 23, 1958

Handte, Seed Store Owner, Active Churchman, Dies

Jacob Stuckrath Handte, 89, well-known operator of Handte's Seed Store on Haywood Road, died unexpectedly at 8:15 a.m. Saturday in his home at 77 Blue Ridge Ave. 8-31-58

Mr. Handte, prominent in Methodist church and local business life here for the past 50 years, was the father of Mrs. Elta Handte Blanchard, Asheville music teacher and composer with whom he made his home. She is the only survivor.

Death was attributed to a heart attack.

An active man despite his years, Mr. Handte underwent surgery last month but had made a full recovery. He conducted his business vigorously and friends and customers marveled at his erect posture and steady step.

Mr. Handte's shop on Haywood Road in West Asheville was a favorite spot for this area's many gardeners. His general personality had won him a wide circle of friends.

Two other items Mr. Handte kept made his place a lure for little children: His own brand of peanut butter and his talking parrot. He once estimated he sold at least a ton of peanut butter a year and was perhaps the first person in this section to produce the homemade spread.

Aside from his deep and abiding interest in nature, Mr. Handte over the years was a earnest worker in Central Methodist Church. He became a familiar figure each Sunday morning at the south entrance as he greeted friends and visitors.

The church last October honored him at a family supper on the eve of his 89th birth anniversary.

A life member of the board of stewards, Mr. Handte was an honorary member of the Charles Wesley Byrd Bible class and secretary of the Men's Bible Class. He had been made an honorary member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, an honor usually conferred only on Methodist bishops and one of which Mr. Handte was especially proud.

J. S. Handte began his long career in Asheville when he was 40. He was born in Lisbon, Ohio Oct. 27, 1868, the son of John M. and Melissa Stuckrath Handte. His grandfather was mayor of Pittsburgh in 1858 and later a county commissioner there.

Mr. Handte's father was a florist and operated a greenhouse adjoining his Lisbon residence. His son's love of growing things sprang from this early contact. At the age of 15 young Handte took a job with a Calla, Ohio seed company and spent some 25 years with the firm. In 1903, deciding to move with his wife and daughter to Florida, Mr. Handte came through Asheville for a week—but remained to build a new career.

In 1912, he established his own business, selling coffee, tea, rice and groceries from door to door as a representative of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. When he opened his own store, he named it the Blue Ridge Tea Co., later changing it to Handte Tea Store. But he often would say that, as the Great Atlantic and Pacific's representative, he operated the first A&P store in Asheville long before the giant modern chain store system evolved.

Mr. Handte next became associated with the Garden Shop on Lexington Avenue and later with the Asheville Seed Store, whose West Asheville branch he opened in February, 1939. He later bought the West Asheville store and continued to operate it himself as Handte's until the day of his death.

Always interested in his adopted community, Mr. Handte was a member of United Methodist Men, the West Asheville Men's Club and the North Carolina Seedsmen.

A man of remarkable health, Mr. Handet was one of the oldest living members of his church here. He did not smoke and never drank. His operation in July was his first illness and first visit to a hospital.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday in Central Methodist Church. Dr. Embree H. Blackard will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be R. P. Paddison, W. K. Partin, William Callahan, Clarence E. Morgan, Carl B. Hyatt Jr. and J. Warlick.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. L. C. Waller, Dr. Earl Shook Jr., Winston-Salem Mayor Marshall Kurfees, members of the Men's Bible Class and the official board of stewards of the church.

The body will remain at Groce Funeral Home until taken to the church. It will lie in state 30 minutes prior to the services.

Asheville Citizen August 31, 1958

J. S. Handte

Though he was not a native, Jacob Stuckrath Handte was an Asheville old-timer.

Coming here in 1908, he became a familiar figure as he went from door to door selling coffee, tea, rice and other items.

He did this as representative of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. before that huge corporation expanded into the supermarket business.

Mr. Handte, who passed away at age 89, spent his early years working for a seed company in his native Ohio. His business career here embraced ownership of his own tea company and association with seed and garden stores.

Years ago he bought a business in West Asheville, operating it as Handte's Seed Store until his death.

Much interested in church and community affairs and a student of nature, Mr. Handte contributed to the advancement of the life of this community. He had many friends who mourn his passing, the severance of another link between modern Asheville and the city of a half century ago.

Asheville Citizen September 5, 1958

Kiwanis Second Civic Club Formed In City

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Information for this story was furnished by E. E. Wheeler of Asheville from a summarization of the history of the early days of the Kiwanis Club here he recently compiled from club records.)

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The Asheville Kiwanis Club began on a bright June day in 1919 when George Selig of Knoxville arrived in town to organize the group. 12-14-58

E. E. Wheeler was the first man to sign up; he had recently arrived from Birmingham, Ala., where a very active club was organized. The second member to sign for the club was Edgar C. Greene.

The roster rapidly grew and weekly meetings were held in the old Battery Park Hotel even before the organization was completed.

The charter dinner was at Grove Park Inn, with 122 members. Toe Fulkerson and O. Sam Cummings, both national officers, took part.

The Asheville Club was the first in the Carolinas and a delegation from Asheville went to Charlotte where the second Kiwanis Club was organized. The Asheville club also presented the charter to the Spartanburg Club, with James M. Hall and James Stikeleather presenting a program of songs. Charters were presented, in quick succession, to Shelby, Hickory and Morganton.

When Asheville day was observed by the Knoxville Kiwanis Club, member Henry Westall took off from "the flats", now Beaver Lake, in his biplane to escort the rail delegation.

CHARTER MEMBERS

The Asheville club charter members included:

J. Garrett Anderson, Percy C. Blackman, Wm. Floyd Bynam, William A. Barton Jr., George L. Brown, James R. Bush, Harley G. Brookshire, Wayne Beachboard, Frank J. Bates, Charles E. Barefoot, Francis C. Bourne, Sam M. Carlburg, Robert E. Currence, Claude T. Carr,

John C. Cosby, Elbert Chambers, A. Heath Carrier, Irvin Coleman, Williard R. Crites.

Ollie N. Donnahoe, George A. Digges Jr., David G. Devenish, Joseph M. Donald, Jack C. Dennison, Harry M. Dill, Bernard Elias, George Evans, Frank O. C. Fletcher, Francis J. Flemming, Edwin A. Fry, Robert L. Fitzpatrick, Joe F. Ford, Roswell E. Flack, Edgar C. Greene, Harry E. Gruver, Lewis U. Greer, Eugene B. Glenn, Owen Gudger, Alvin C. Glenn, William Ray Griffin, Joseph J. Gentry, Dan W. Hill, Wofford F. Humphries, Michael W. Hamrick, William B. Hine, J. T. Henry, Clinton K. Hughes, James M. Hall, E. Riley Hampton.

Robert Hoffman, Lorin B. Harding, S. Doxe Hall, Andrew J. Hutchins, William J. Hunnicutt, Ira L. Jones, E. J. Jones, Hugh C. Jones, Julian P. Kitchen, James G. Kincaid, Robert J. Lewis, Charles G. Lee, Milton M. Leonard, Chauncey Lawrence, John H. Lindsey, Robert F. Moody, Fred B. Myers, Tivis M. Myers, Charles R. Moore, Harmon Miller, Clarence M. McCall.

Albert P. McCraw, Milliam C. McConnell, Emmet K. McLarty, Augustus L. McLean, Richard F. Novell, Joseph W. Nichols, Vernon R. Patterson, S. Blair Patterson, Arthur T. Pritchard, Edward J. Pepper, Wythe M. Peyton, Herbert W. Pelton, William F. Powell, H. Fuller Perkins, Seth J. Perkinson, William Allen Riddick, Eric M. Rawles, Dion C. Roberts, E. Reid Russell, William M. Redwood, W. Ernest Reid, Leon Rocamora, Gallitin Roberts, Charles D. Styrnbrough, Joseph H. Spears, Bynum H. Sumner, James G. Stikeleather, William H. Scruggs, Fred A. Schopp.

Elisha L. Snipes, J. Scroop Styles, William M. Smathers, Clarence Sawyer, Seigfried Sterberg, Marcus Sterne Jr., Rufus J. Sherrill, Bernard Smith, Carey B. Taylor, M. Fitzhue Teague, Fred W. Thomas, Frank Tiddy, John M. Underhill, Edward E. Wheeler, J. Lawrence Widman, Arthur D. Wilson, Henry Westall, Charles G. Worley, Perry T. Young and Weaver V. Wilson.

The Rotary Club was the only civic club in Asheville at the time the Kiwanis Club was formed. Naturally there was considerable friendly rivalry between the two.

Take, for example, the occasion of the formal opening of Asheville High School (now David Millard Junior High School). The Kiwanis Club was asked to follow the Rotary Club in the parade. Clinton Hughes, just back from military service in World War 1, was grand marshall and the 100 or so members of the Kiwanis Club appeared in Indian feathered war bonnets.

There was considerable oratory at the dedication. But E. E. Wheeler "broke up the meeting" by reminding his listeners that "Kiwanis did not build the new school, but Kiwanis is the first voice to say, we must have a similar building like this in West Asheville!"

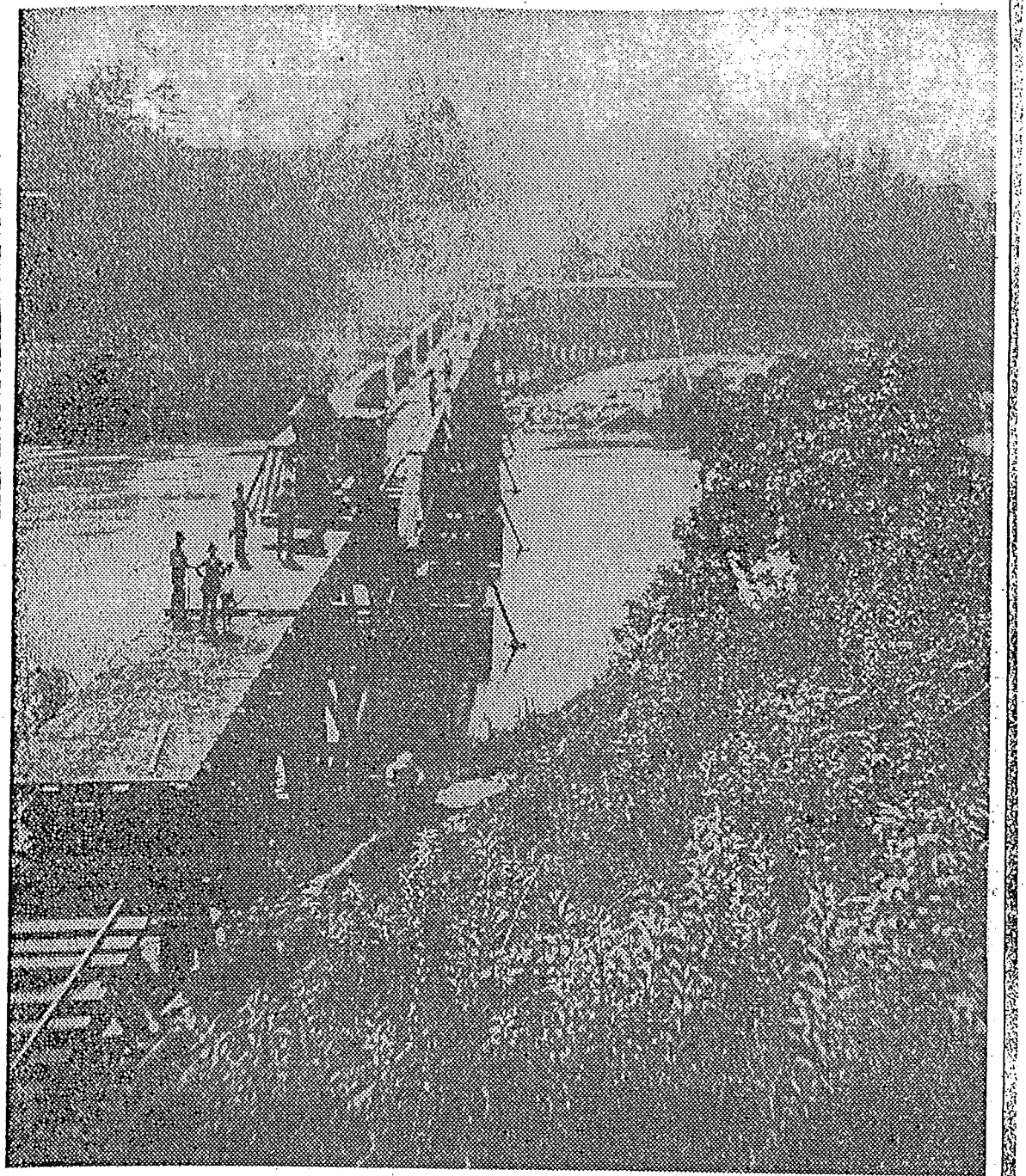
The rivalry between Rotary and Kiwanis led to a baseball game that could well have ended the great American sport right there. Kiwanis was challenger, and Jim Stikeleather was pitcher. "His pitching was quite wild", a member recalls, "but he wouldn't leave the mound until runs piled up and he was led off the field. There was a onesided score in favor of Rotary at that point. Then Dr. William Ray Griffin held the few remaining innings scoreless. J. W. Neely was behind the ball for Rotary for the full game."

Kiwanis was a singing club. Seth Perkinson led every weekly meeting, Jim Stikeleather, Jim Hill and Grady Reagan always sang their favorite songs.

Politics—regular, not club—has at least once brought flashes of temper, due to the membership of prominent Democrats and Republicans in the club and divergent opinions on the candidacy of O. Max Gardner, himself a Kiwanian.

The club, in its second year, was lunching at the Langren.

Asheville Citizen December 14, 1958



THE FIRST BRIDGE ever to span the French Broad River at Asheville was the Murphy junction Southern Railway bridge. This is it, recorded in the 1890s on a "stereoscopic" postcard. The bridge has been rebuilt, but in the same spot — just north of the Smoky Park Highway Bridge. The old-time view, last of a series The Citizen is carrying this week, is from a collection owned by M. O. Roberts of 24 Ivy St. That's an old wood-burning "puffer-belly" on the track.

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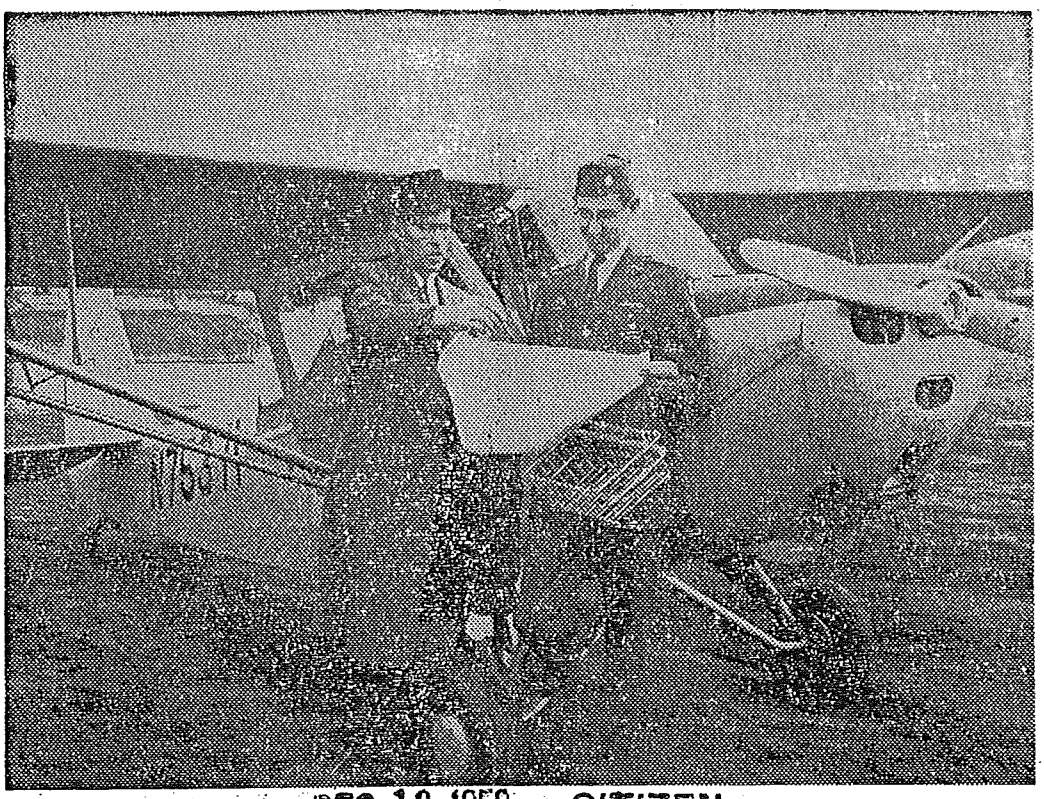


DEC 19 1958 CITIZEN

—Citizen Photo

A TREASURE HUNT will be on when the West Asheville Business Association drops 500 ping pong balls redeemable in cash or merchandise prizes Saturday at 1 p.m. on Haywood Road. The event is a climaxing feature of the Holidays Festival conducted by 36 firms along Haywood Road. The balls will bear numbers, designating the addresses on Haywood Road where the balls may be redeemed. In photo are Albert Fortune, Holidays Festival general chairman, and Lt. Col. Milton Sellers of Civil Air Patrol, who will pilot the plane when Lieut. R. V. Reece drops the ping pong balls. An hour earlier, cash prizes totaling $900 will be awarded in a drawing, with registrants having not been required to make a purchase or be present to win. The drawing takes place at the intersection of Fairfax Avenue and Haywood Road at noon Saturday.

Asheville Citizen December 19, 1958

CD Siren Test Set For Today

A test of Asheville's eight Civil Defense warning sirens will be made between 11 a. m. and noon Friday.

Gen. John C. Arrowsmith, county CD director, has asked that residents simply ignore the blasts, which will last from three to five minutes.

The sirens are being tried out in preparation for a county-wide CD exercise to be held starting at 11:30 a. m. next Friday.

The warning devices to be tested at located at the following points: the new A & P Store on Hendersonville Road, Asheville Hosiery Co. and atop the Flat Iron Building, Memorial Mission Hospital, and Aycock, Claxton, Haw Creek and St. Lawrence schools.

At approximately 11:30 a. m. next Friday, the sirens will begin a steady blast, signal that the alert is under way. Some 15 minutes later, they will be sounded again, but this time tuned to emit an eerie, wailing tone, which will be the signal for all persons outside to go inside the nearest building and all motorists to halt their vehicles beside the road until the alert is over.

Asheville Citizen April 10, 1959

All Buncombe Residents Will Participate In CD Alert

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, ASHEVILLE, N.C.
Sunday, April 12, 1959

By LUTHER SHAW

Boy Scouts Saturday distributed to city and county residents more than 50,000 pamphlets describing Civil Defense procedures and giving instructions for CD alerts.

Beginning at approximately 11:30 a. m. Friday, residents will have an opportunity to participate in an actual Civil Defense alert exercise.

At approximately that time, Asheville's eight air raid sirens will wail out a warning to the alert.

Simultaneously, all radio and television stations will leave the air for 30 minutes except radio station WWNC, which will be broadcasting directions for the exercise at 640 kilocycles, the CD warning frequency.

Some 15 minutes after the sirens are first sounded, they will be blown again.

This second signal, to come about 11:45 a. m., will be the warning to "take cover" immediately.

SEEK SHELTER'

All persons outdoors when this warning is given will be expected to "seek shelter" by going inside the nearest building. All motorists will be expected to halt their vehicles beside the road and remain there until the alert is over.

State Highway Patrolmen will be posted at the Buncombe County line on all main roads and highways to halt inbound traffic. Inbound city traffic will be stopped at the city limits by Asheville police officers and sheriff's deputies. Asheville National Guardsmen will assist city police in controlling the alert.

A warning has been issued that persons who refuse to cooperate by failing to take shelter or halt their cars when the take cover alert is sounded will be cited by law enforcement officers.

The exercise is being conducted here in connection with the nationwide CD project, "Operation Alert, 1959," and is designed to offer residents instruction in the best methods of self-protection in the event of radioactive fallout from nuclear blasts or in the event of a missile attack in which there would be insufficient time to evacuate the city.

SEALED ENVELOPE

Civil Defense officials here will know by early Friday afternoon whether Asheville was "hit" or a "victim" of radioactive fallout. This information is expected to be contained in a sealed envelope which will be opened at a specified time by CD personnel in charge of the alert.

In either case, or even if the city is not "hit" or threatened by fallout, all city and county residents will be required to actively participate in the exercise.

Gen. John C. Arrowsmith, Buncombe CD director, has asked that residents take particular notice of the order of the alert.

He emphasized that the first sounding of the sirens and appearance of the radio voice on WWNC at about 11:30 a. m. will NOT be signals to seek shelter or bring automobiles to a halt.

These signals should be interpreted only as alert warnings and, regarding the radio broadcast, preliminary instructions.

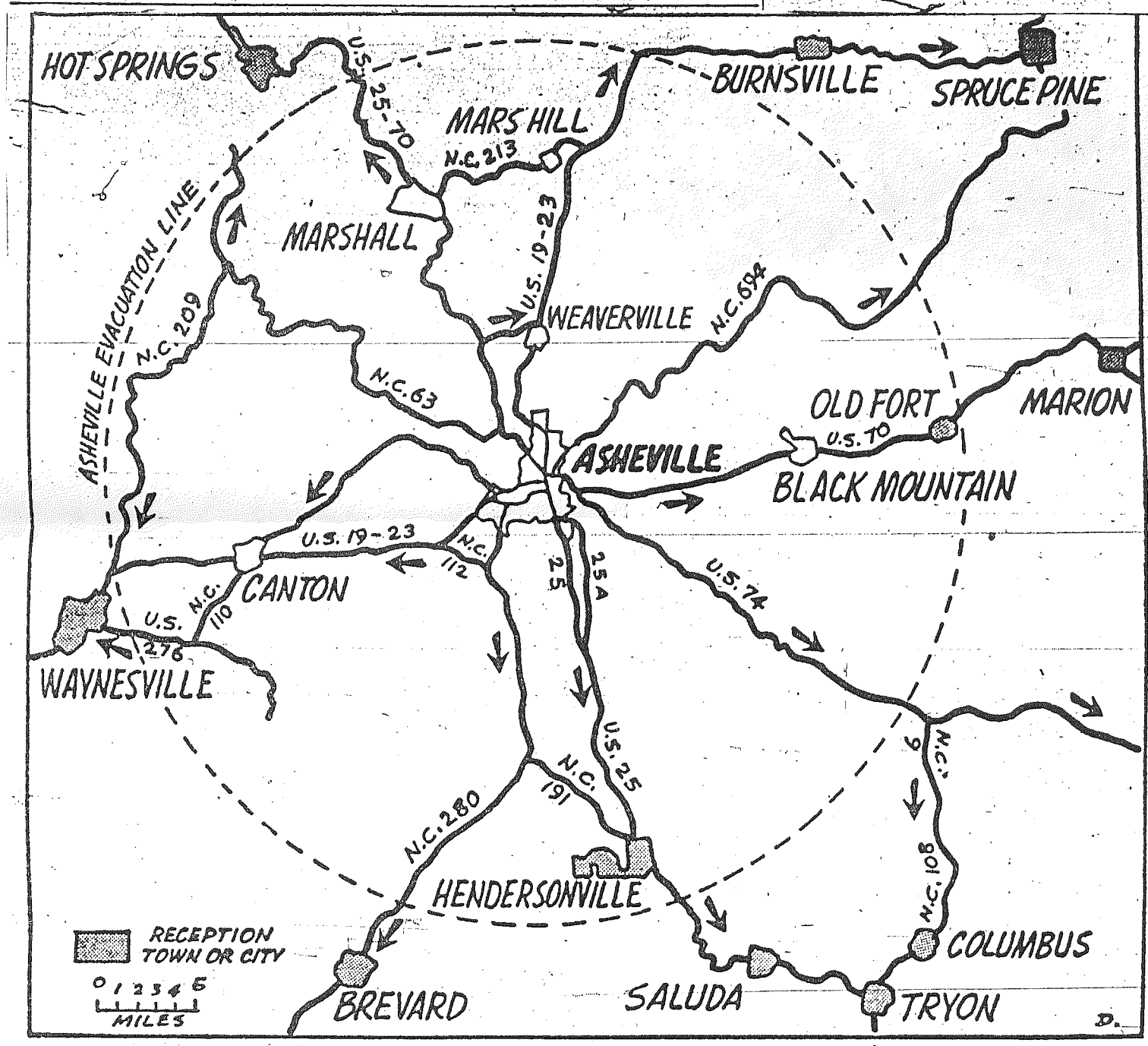
'TAKE COVER' SIGNAL

The actual "take cover" signal will come about 11:45 a. m. when the eight sirens will again be set off and heard from three to six minutes.

The alert will end ten minutes after the "take cover" warnings have been given by siren and radio. Directions to this effect will be given by radio. However, Arrowsmith has said that no "all clear" would be given by the sirens and directed that residents in shelters and stopped cars should consider the alert finished 10 minutes after the sirens have hushed and continue about their business without further notification.

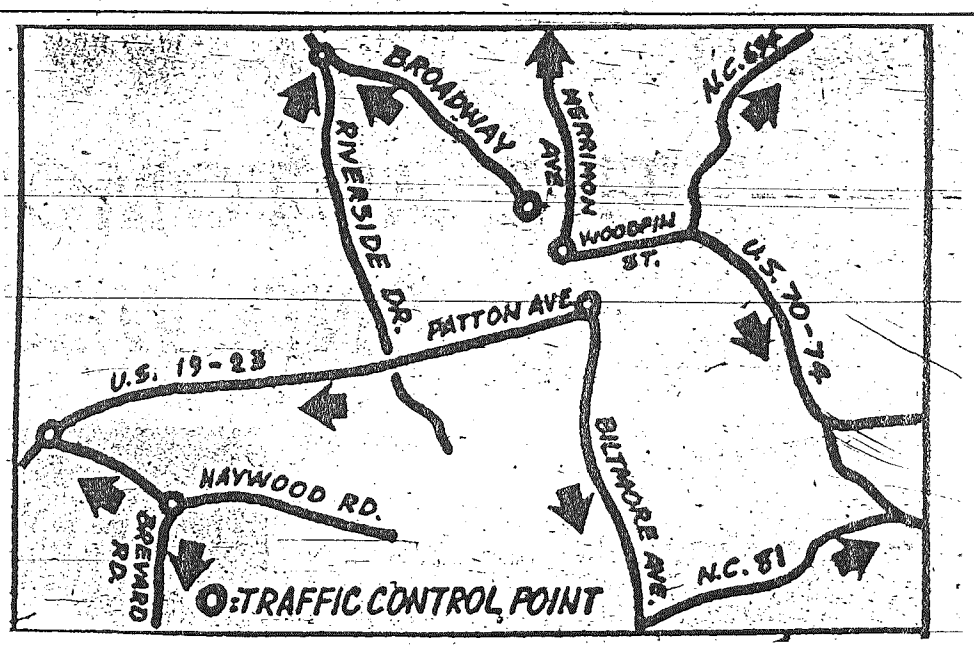
Contained in the pamphlet distributed Saturday is a map prepared by the Civil Defense office here showing major routes to be followed in case the order is ever given to evacuate Asheville.

No evacuation orders will be issued in connection with Friday's alert. However, residents have been asked to study the map in order to familiarize themsleves with main roads which would become escape routes should the city ever be evacuated.



-Buncombe Civil Defense Map

MAJOR EVACUATION ROUTES which would serve as escape roads for Asheville residents in the event the city should ever be threatened by enemy attack or natural disaster are shown in this map. Prepared by the Buncombe County United Civil Defense office, the map appears on the some 50,000 CD pamphlets distributed throughout the city and county Saturday. Residents Friday will be asked to actively participate in a county-wide CD exercise. However, the alert will not invvolve evacuation of the city. The map has been prepared primarily to familiarize the community with the principal arteries which would become escape routes in event of a major emergency.



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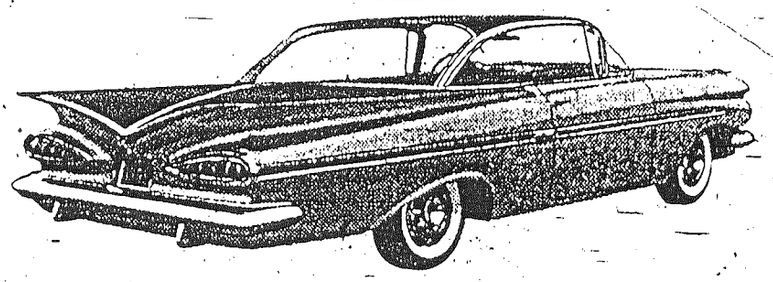

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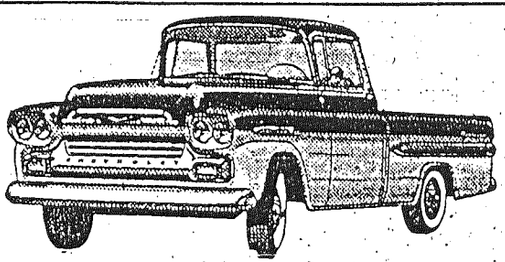

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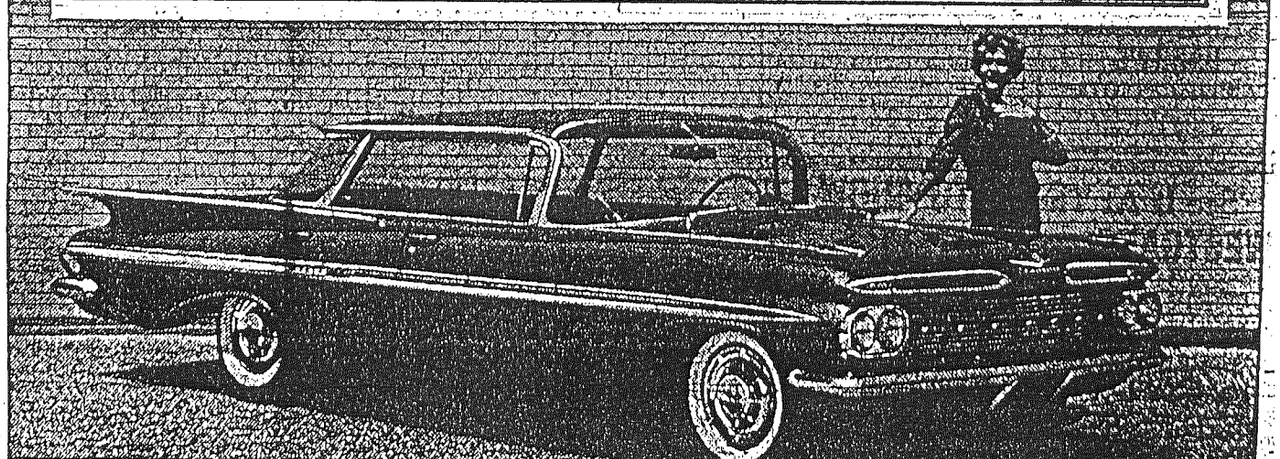

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April 15, 1959

Incumbent Council Members Win, 3-1

RENOMINATED for City Council in Tuesday's Democratic primary were all seven incumbent councilmen. They are (L to R): top row—Mayor Earl W. Eller, Vice Mayor Frank M. Mulvaney and William F. Algary. Bottom row—Clarence E. Morgan, J. Walter McRary, Theodore B. Sumner and Carter M. Preslar.

All seven incumbent members of City Council were renominated by better than three-to-one margins over a lone outside contender in Asheville's Democratic municipal primary Tuesday.

Returned to office for two-year terms were Earl W. Eller, Frank M. Mulvaney, J. Walter McRary, Clarence E. Morgan, Theodore B. Sumner, William F. Algary and Carter M. Preslar.

Dr. Samuel Robinson, local optometrist making his first bid for elective office, polled 525 votes in unofficial totals from all 24 precincts. Voting was light in nearly all precincts.

Morgan led the incumbents with 2,344. Totals for the other successful candidates were: McRary, 2,332; Eller, 2,321; Mulvaney, 2,311; Algary, 2,274; Preslar, 2,231; and Sumner, 2,209.

Robinson failed to carry a single precinct. In his home precinct, No. 17, he polled 54 votes to 91 each for Summer and Preslar, who trailed the incumbents in that precinct.

Robinson made his best showing percentagewise in No. 13, where he racked up 24 votes to 36 for Preslar, low man among the winners there. In No. 14, Robinson got 29 votes to 293 for Sumner, low winner in that precinct.

Renomination of the seven incumbent councilmen was equivalent to election in the May 12 general election, since no Republicans are contesting the election.

Council will hold an organization meeting immediately following the general election to elect a mayor and vice mayor and appoint a city manager and city clerk. Earl W. Eller is mayor in the present Council and Frank M. Mulvaney is vice-mayor. J. Weldon Weir is city manager and Miss Margaret Simmons is city clerk.

Already certified as nominated without opposition by city Democrats are Police Court Judge Sam M. Cathey and Solicitor Will Hampton. They have no Republican opposition in the general election.

City officials have estimated the cost of holding the primary election at around $7,200.

Asheville Citizen

Take-Cover CD Alert Set This Morning

City and county residents between 11:30 a. m. and noon Friday will join the nation by participating in "Operation Alert, 1959."

At approximately 11:30 a. m., Asheville's eight CD warning sirens and sirens in some of the outlying communities will signal the start of the alert.

All television and radio stations in the United States will be off the air except about 1,200 radio stations which will be broadcasting directions for the practice alert on the two Conelrad CD frequencies—640 and 1240 on the radio dial.

In Asheville, Radio Station WWNC is the Conelrad station and will be heard on 640 kilocycles. However, once stations in this area leave the air, there will be a delay of eight or nine minutes before engineers can switch WWNC's broadcasting frequency from the regular 570 to 640 kilocycles.

This means it may be 11:39 a. m. before the mechanical switchover is completed and CD broadcasting can begin. It also means that between 11:30 and about 11:39 a. m., all radio and television stations in the Asheville area, including WWNC, will be completely silent.

The sirens, however, will be anything but quiet.

At 11:30 a. m., while all broadcasting has ceased, the sirens will be sounded. This will serve as a warning that the exercise is under way, but will not be the signal to take cover.

The take-cover signal will come about 11:45 a. m. when the sirens will be sounded a second time. During this second round, they will be emitting a wailing tone, entirely different from the first signal, which will be a steady blast.

At this signal all residents outside will be expected to take cover in the nearest building and all motorists pull to the side of the road and stop their vehicles.

The test will end ten minutes after the sirens have stopped sounding the actual take-cover alert. Directions to this effect will be given over the CD radio station. However, no all clear will be given by the sirens and all residents in shelters and cars should resume normal activities 10 minutes after the sirens stop.

Asheville Citizen April 17, 1959

CD Alert

Asheville and Buncombe County citizens are to take cover this morning.

It's part of the city and county's participation in the nation-wide Civil Defense "Operation Alert, 1959."

The plans have been made by this county's Civil Defense organization which is growing in efficiency.

At approximately 11:30 a. m. today, sirens will sound the alert and there will be radio broadcasts over WWNC.

The Civil Defense air-raid warning exercise is a serious business and all citizens have been urged to cooperate willingly and wholeheartedly; after all, it is for their protection in event a real emergency occurs.

The Buncombe County Civil Defense organization, with office in the Courthouse, has also published and distributed a pamphlet providing information on what to do in event of an emergency.

All citizens should have a copy of it, read it carefully and keep it handy for reference.

It is wise to be prepared for the eventuality that may or may not happen—we cannot be sure in this time of great world tensions and dangers.

Asheville Citizen April 17, 1959

Asheville Citizen April 18, 1959

Alert Success; City 'Bombed'

By LUTHER SHAW
Citizen Staff Writer

For ten minutes Friday, Asheville and Buncombe County stood still.

Signaled by sirens wailing through the city and county, residents outside sought shelter in nearby buildings and motorists pulled vehicles to a halt beside the road.

Civil Air Patrol observers in planes overhead reported later that Asheville's first practice air raid alert since World War II had been "almost 100 per cent effective."

County Civil Defense officials, who met Friday afternoon in the Courthouse, gave similar reports —that the effectiveness of the practice drill had far exceeded expectations.

But at approximately 4 p. m., the CD leaders got the real surprise of the day.

A message received through CAP radio from state alert headquarters reported Asheville had been "hit" at 3:19 p. m. by a nuclear bomb 50 times larger than the A-Bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, at the close of World War II.

Messages received here almost simultaneously reported that bombs 250 times more powerful than the Hiroshima blast had leveled Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Pope AFB at Ft. Bragg.

The CD service chiefs and section leaders immediately set about determining the extent of damage here.

By plotting coordinates on a map of the city, it was determined that the "blast," which in reality would have virtually wiped Asheville off the map, had exploded in the vicinity of Westgate Shopping Center.

Since residents only "took cover" Friday morning instead of evacuating the city, Civil Defense leaders were forced to proceed with their hypothetical planning on the assumption that 50 per cent of Asheville's people were dead and thousands in outlying areas dead, injured, or threatened by effects of the blast and radioactive fallout which followed the explosion. It was estimated that taking cover "saved" 15,000 lives.

The county-wide alert was first sounded at 11:32 a. m. when Asheville Police Chief A. R. Sluder pushed a button in police headquarters touching off eight CD warning sirens spotted around the city. Simultaneously, sirens were sounded in many of the outlying communities including Weaverville, Montreat, Black Mountain and Swannanoa.

Many of the larger industries including American Enka Corp. and Beacon Manufacturing Co. alerted employes by setting off company alarms.

At 11:47 a. m., sirens in Asheville and throughout the county were sounded a second time.

At this signal, residents outside took cover inside buildings nearest them and motorists along county roads and city streets pulled their vehicles to a stop beside the road.

Lt. Col. Earl T. Freeman, head of Group IV CAP here, was one of the pilots who observed the alert from the air and reported on its effectiveness at the CD critique in the Courthouse.

"There was almost 100 per cent cooperation," Freeman said.

He noted that at 11:47 sharp, when the take cover alert was sounded, "cars began to stop and people to seek cover."

Freeman said he observed only a few cars and trucks in the city which failed to stop for the exercise and noted that in downtown Asheville, there appeared to be no one on the streets except participating CD officials.

State Highway Patrolmen stopped inbound traffic at the county line on several main highways while members of the sheriff's department halted inbound city traffic. City police and some 80 Asheville National Guardsmen and Junior Chamber of Commerce members cooperated in controlling the alert within the city.

Freeman and other observers reported the roadblocks were completely successful and that city-wide cooperation in general had been excellent.

Others at the CD report meeting said the drill had been equally effective throughout the county, with vehicular and pedestrian movement at a minimum.

In addition to the sirens, residents were also alerted to the test through Conelrad, the CD radio warning which uses 640 and 1240 kilocycles.

In the Asheville area, directions for the alert, were broadcast by WWNC at 640 kilocycles, although there was a delay of some 20 minutes before engineers could manually switch to the Conelrad frequency from the station's regular broadcasting frequency.

This delay, however, did not seem to seriously interfere with the effectiveness of the alert.

When WWNC began broadcasting on the CD frequency, the following persons spoke briefly about the alert: Cecil Hoskins, WWNC general manager; Gen. John C. Arrowsmith, county CD director; the Rev. Robert G. Hufford, CD religious services chief; Asheville Mayor Earl W. Eller; Edward F. Deacon, Biltmore Forest commissioner; Frank Reagan, Weaverville councilman; and Chairman Coke Candler of the Board of County Commissioners.

The alert ended at noon. Directions to this effect were given by radio. No all-clear was sounded by the sirens.

Gen. Arrowsmith expressed his appreciation for the part played in the exercise by the law enforcement bodies; schools, which participated actively; Boy Scouts, who distributed 50,000 CD pamphlets last Saturday; the news medias; merchants, Junior Chamber of Commerce, National Guard, CAP, transportation firms and to the public in general for "magnificent cooperation."

B. L. Whiteside of 128 Spooks Branch Rd., a citizen subscriber for 40 years, observed that Friday's Civil Defense alert wasn't as bad as it might have been. He asked that the following be published:

"April 17, 1959—I was in Asheville at 11:30 a. m. I went inside and I came out at 12 noon and the only bum (bomb) hit me was a bum on Patton Ave. —for 10 cents for a cup of coffee."

Kiwanians Celebrate Anniversary

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Progress of the West Asheville Kiwanis Club was outlined by two past presidents and the chairman of the achievement committee at an anniversary meeeting of the group in Malvern Springs Restaurant last night.

Guest speaker at the Ladies Night meeting was Dr. George Macatee Jr. who urged the club to support the proposed school bond issue to be voted on at the June 23 election.

Jim Morgan, vice president of the club, was in charge of the third anniversary meeting. Claude DeBruhl, who served as first president in 1957, told of the difficulties in getting the group organized and credited the Asheville Kiwanis Club with a large part in the club's final formation.

Alton Jarrett, 1958 president, outlined the progress of the club during the year. It was during his administration that incorporation procedures were started. Bill Taylor of the achievement committee pointed to plans underway to secure a club-owned meeting place for the group as a major accomplishment of the current year with Hubert Redmon as president.

Bob Baylor, president of the Asheville Kiwanis Club, inducted three new members in the West Asheville club. They are Don Mull, Johnny Goins and Bill Workman. Elmer Blake, a member of the Asheville club with 26 years of perfect attendance, awarded one and two-year perfect attendance pins to Rome Coffey, J. T. Rice, Steve Creasman, DeBruhl, Jarrett and Redmon.

Asheville Times June 10, 1959

N.C. - Asheville - Fourth of July 6/28/1959

Huge 1890 July 4th Celebration Is Recalled

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thomas Pearson, author of the following story about the July 4, 1890 celebration and the development of Richmond Hill property, resides presently with his sister at Richmond Hill, a fine old residence built west of the French Broad River by his father, Richmond Pearson. The father was a diplomat who served his country as an envoy and as a member of Congress. The son, also at times a resident of many foreign lands, is remembered best for his financial tasks in behalf of the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Thomas Pearson returned to the family home in 1951.

By THOMAS PEARSON

They still talk about it in the country around Asheville. That is, a few old-timers do. Those who can remember back that far. July 4, 1890. The day Richmond Pearson organized a celebration to promote a land development scheme on Richmond Hill. The day 1,000 men built a mile of road in one hour and each man received a silver dollar for his pains.

The land development scheme was ambitious. It included the building of a one and a quarter mile race-track and a grandstand. There was also to be a 10-acre lake and boathouse; a "handsome" dancing pavilion and several other buildings "of more or less importance"; and two swimming pools, each measuring 60 feet in diameter, one to contain hot and the other cold water. How the water for the swimming pool was to be heated was not explained.

This writer has before him a copy of the "Asheville Daily Citizen—Extra" for the day in question. The yellowed page still conveys something of the spirit of the occasion and its excitement. Bill Clapp

On July 2 Pearson had stated in an open letter: "It will be entirely a go as you please affair, free and open to all comers. Any person who charges for any thing or any service . . . will be arrested as a trespasser upon private grounds and treated as an enemy of the public weal."

On July 4, in order to assure the success of the occasion, the services of the Asheville Street Railway Company and of the Richmond and Danville Railroad were secured. A procession of seven street cars, led by one "assigned to musicians" (apparently the Asheville Cornet Band) left the Square for the Depot at four p. m. 6-28-59

Thereafter, other cars ran at stated intervals. At the Depot, the Railroad took over, supplying two trains to carry the crowds to the site of the celebration.

The Asheville Daily Citizen, commenting on the matter, stated: "There are a great many roads and several means of transportation, electric, locomotive, hippic, vehicular, pedestrial and natatorial, in fact, you can go as you please and return by the same route and there should be no reason for your not being there."

The program informed the public that "several showy canopy tents have been purchased and stretched on the lawns and will add greatly to the scene." It was further stated that Messsr. Brown and Lindsey would take negatives of different views of the vast crowd, and that all who desired one would receive it free when finished.

At the site of the celebration, five marshals were charged with preserving order and directing the movements of the crowd. "The final round-up," according to the program, "will be on Richmond Hill, at the windmill, where those who have driven out in carriages will be gathered and where Marston's Zouava Band, of Atlanta, will play during the after-noon." Marston's Band, incidentally, appears to have received a prize of $1,000 for outstanding performance at the Atlanta Exposition in 1889.

The great event of the day was the construction of a mile of road in one hour. For this work, 1,000 men each received one silver dollar. This is the feature of the occasion which most impressed those who participated. It was the first time, apparently, that such a sum had ever been paid for labor in Western North Carolina.

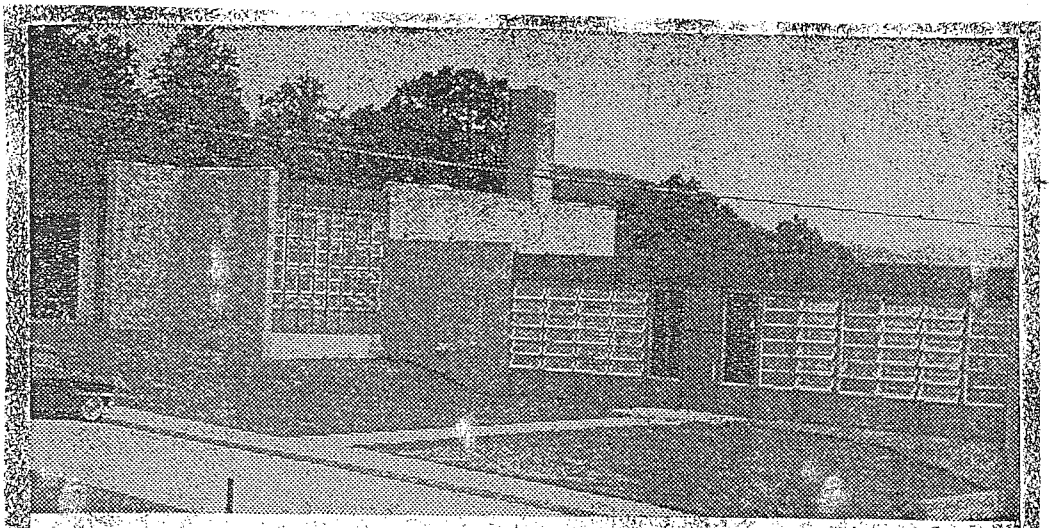
One who was there recalled, years later, that the "only trouble was that they only let each man work one hour." How the problem of transporting tools and silver dollars to the scene of operations was solved, remains a mystery. An imaginative eye-witness once pictured a wagon moving slowly across the landscape, piled high with silver dollars, which glinted in the July sunshine. Presumably, the tale is a myth. Anyhow, the event made a deep impression on the community.

Fortunately, judging from the shadows which show up in old photographs, the day was fine. The refreshments served during the course of the afternoon consisted of two hogsheads of lemonade, a barrel of ice tea and 100 gallons of milk. It was made clear to all concerned that "no drinking, except such as is furnished, will be allowed."

The fireworks display, which began at 8:30 p. m., included mammoth balloon rockets, willow tree rockets, dragon's nest, whistling jack, Chinese musical candles and prize cometic rockets.

Altogether, it seems to have been a memorable occasion.

Nothing ever came of the grandiose land development scheme. The race-track and grandstand; the lake and dancing pavilion and swimming pools are all lost now, in the mists of years. But a few old timers still remember the celebration: The music and the refreshments and the fireworks. And the building of a mile of road in one hour. And, especially, the dollar-an-hour wage rate.



Combination fire station-public libr ary-community center building.

Indoor Recreation Facilities

Asheville's combination fire station, public library-community center buildings, two of five indoor recreation facilities operated by the Parks and Recreation Department, are unique among Tar Heel cities. Ash. C. 7-3-59

The combination structures, which house a fire department precinct station, a branch library, and a community recreation center, cost about $110,000 each.

The fire station and library are self-explanatory. The Community Center is a little more obtuse.

The community center represents the neighborhood approach to the problem of furnishing recreation programs and facilities for teen-agers and adults. The pre-teens have programs in the centers, too, but primarily the aim is to reach the teen-agers and the adults.

The centers are open under supervision on certain days and evenings, and planned programs such as indoor athletic tournaments, dances, skits and talent shows, meetings, and indoor games are offered teen-agers.

At other times the centers are open to adults and civic and community groups. At other times, pre-teen programs are scheduled.

One of the two combination buildings has a full-sized, equipped kitchen. The other has facilities for serving hot refreshments and hopes in time to expand those facilities into a kitchen.

The other centers are no combination buildings but they play a similar part in the city's recreation picture. They are the Valley Street Teen Center which caters primarily to the younger group, and the Kenilworth and Rhododendron club houses which are popular among a number of adult groups in the Kenilworth and West Asheville sections.

Mrs. Jessie McNeil is supervisor of the North Asheville Center, Mrs. Mary Young, the West Asheville Center, and Mrs. Mildred Fleming, the Valley Street Center.

In addition to the supervisors, a man also is on duty the evenings when teen-age programs are scheduled.

Asheville Citizen July 3, 1959

THE KIWANIS CLUB, during its 40 years in Asheville, has participated in many community projects. **Upper left:** the club helped promote the first Rhododendron Parade and had a float in the parade every year, 1928-41. This float bears Seth J. Perkinson and his Clean Life Boys. **Lower left:** During the early days of World War II the club led the way in Bundles for Britain drives. Pictured with food and clothing to be sent abroad are (L-R): Morton P. Jones, Mr. Milner, Capt. William P. Gearing of the Salvation Army, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Thomas R. Huffines, Dr. Huffines, Mrs. R. A. Wanner and Ward

Asheville Citizen August 30, 1959

Kiwanis Club, In 40 Years, Has Left Indelible Mark

By BOB SEYMOUR
Citizen-Times Staff Writer

For 40 years the imprint of Kiwanis has been firmly stamped on the pages of Asheville history. The Kiwanians, through a combination of spectacularly successful projects and daily hard work, have left an indelible mark on the community. Ash. Cit.

The club has celebrated August as "anniversary month" and, among other observances, has compiled a history of the organization. Carl B. Hyatt, Jr. a past president, did most of the research and Ray Wanner, who served as club secretary for 25 years as well as president for a year, furnished pictures. 8-30-59

Senior club in the Carolina District, the Asheville Kiwanis Club was the second civic organization founded here. The Rotary Club was the only civic club meeting in Asheville when George Selig of Knoxville arrived in town to begin groundwork for a Kiwanis Club.

From June, 1919, until Aug. 11 of the same year the new club held weekly organizational meetings. On Aug. 11, charter night, 122 members took their wives and guests to Grove Park Inn.

In less than a year the Kiwanis Club had become an important part of the city. During an influenza epidemic the members worked tirelessly. The Red Cross said the Kiwanians were "the machinery by which our relief work was carried on and it was their good will that made it possible to handle the situation."

The Kiwanis Band was formed in 1922 and it became popular almost immediately. Its fame grew to the point that it was invited to play at the international convention in Atlanta.

Among the activities sponsored by the club during the '20s were Community Chest drives, school teachers entertainment and the Rhododendron parade and ball. Speakers in those days ranged from Eddie Rickenbacker, who spoke in favor of an airport in Asheville, to Max Crohn, who gave an imitation of life in a barnyard.

These were the "good old days" and membership stayed at 135 (membership limit) with a waiting list being kept. When the depression hit the membership fell to 65. The George Vanderbilt Hotel lowered the price of meals to 65 cents and the dues were dropped to $12.50 per quarter.

When Walter Adams took over as president in 1932 the club was at its lowest ebb. His administration marked the turning point and membership was back into the 90s by the end of his term.

It was in the '30s that the club began sponsoring the TB Christmas Seal drives. From less than $500 per year, collections began to near the $10,000 mark.

Tuberculosis was a very real menace during the '30s as undernourished children fell before the ravages of the disease. Realizing that good food and the proper care could prevent TB in many instances, the Kiwanians began a drive to build a preventorium.

For 10 years, 1935-45, the preventorium on Shelburne Road in West Asheville was the focal point for Kiwanis activity. The preventorium was so popular in Asheville that the club had completely paid for the new building by 1936.

Due to improved economic conditions, there was no need for a preventorium after 1945. Kiwanians expressed mixed emotions of joy that it was no longer needed and sorrow at abandoning what had become a favorite "member" of the club.

The next year, 1946, the club began its dairy calf chain. Kiwanis funds were used to buy calves that were given to 4-H members and Future Farmers, who promised to return calves to the chain, creating a never-ending project.

In 1954 the miniature train project became a reality as $11,500 worth of bonds to finance the project were sold in less than a month. The train has become one of the biggest attractions at Recreation Park.

In 1956 the club spearheaded construction of a home in Montreat for the family of Dr. Geza Soos, head of the Hungarian underground during World War II, who was killed in an automobile accident after moving his family to Montreat, where he had taught.

While major projects have hit the headlines, making the Kiwanis Club one of Asheville's best-known organizations, the club members themselves feel that the "little" jobs are just as important. Giving help when and where it is needed is just as necessary they say, as promoting parades and conventions.

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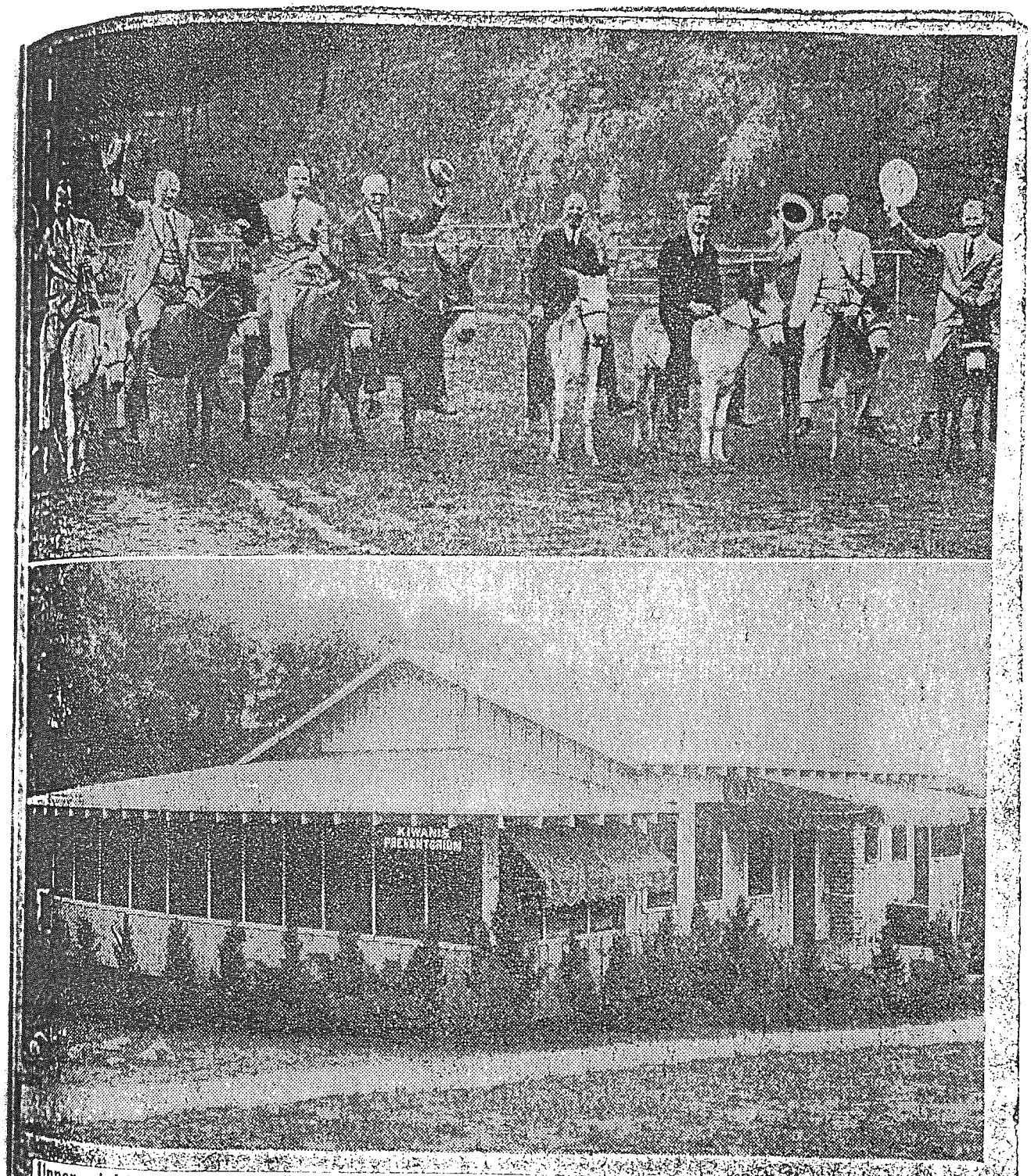


Upper right: This Kiwanis donkey baseball team played teams from the Rotary, Civitan, Cosmic, Optimist and American Business clubs on five successive nights to raise money for the TB preventorium, which was completed in 1935. The donkey games netted $1,200. Members of the team (L-R) were: Ira B. Jones, R. A. Wanner, Dr. Ernest Cunningham, Eugene C. Sawyer, Polk Threlkeld, Capt. W. P. Gearing, John Mills and John C. McDow. Lower right: the preventorium on Shelburne Road as it appeared 1935-45.

Asheville Citizen August 30, 1959

Power Boat Makes First Upriver Trip From Asheville To Brevard

By AL GEREMONTE
Citizen-Times Staff Writer

The "River Queen" a lively lady of some 16 feet, Saturday became the first power-boat in history to navigate the waters of the French Broad River from Carrier Bridge in West Asheville to Brevard.

But the gallant little craft couldn't have done it without her broad six-foot beam or her 65-horsepower Continental aircraft engine.

The distance to Brevard by water turned out to be 55 miles. The trip terminated 200 yards beyond Barkley Bridge when the engine conked out because of no fuel.

It took 4 hours and six minutes to make the run. It might have been less had the operation not involved a half dozen stop-and-chop delays because of fallen trees barring passageway.

The venture proved beyond doubt that the old saw "anything for a story" has caused more reporters to lose their heads than any other single cause. It also proved that a lot of people other than reporters will do anything for kicks.

Bob Burris, a city of Asheville employe who owns the "River Queen," Ray Hathaway, the former Asheville Tourists baseball manager, who more recently guided the Gastonia Pirates to the South Atlantic League play-off championship, and this writer elected to try and prove that such a boat trip from Asheville to Brevard is possible. On three occasions this premise was a highly debatable question.

But each time the gallant "River Queen" took her blows in shivering defiance as she battled the three-and-one-half miles per hour current.

Only once—at Buck Shoals—did the Queen groan in agony as her side was grazed by a saw-tooth rock which suddenly came jutting out of foamy waters. Only Burris' fast-thinking saved the crew from a ducking.

In fact, the trip was comparatively safe once beyond Fanning's Bridge. But from the Biltmore estate through Long Shoals and Buck Shoals, Burris skillfully avoided disaster by skimming over the whitewater wide open at 35-mile per hour.

The trip started at 2:05 p. m. from Carrier Bridge. The Queen wasted little time as she barreled upstream. At 2:23 she went past the Biltmore House. At 2:48 she had Long Shoal Bridge astern, despite increasingly rough water.

All along the river signs of wildlife were evident. As the Queen streaked through the current, flocks of ducks including green-head mallards, wood duck and even giant Blue Heron rose to escape the roaring monster which bore down on them.

At 3:19 the River Queen went flying regally past the mouth of Mud Creek. And now the river began to get deeper and one could readily see how a steam-driven boat such as the "Mountain Lily" may have navigated the French Broad with a screw-propeller back before the turn of the century.

It also posed the speculation that if the old records are right then the river must have been much higher in 1880 than it is now for a craft such as the size of the Mountain Lily to ply the waters from Brevard to Asheville. Without high water, it would be impossible for a power-boat to go through Long Shoals without running aground.

The Queen began to meet trouble in the form of trees across her way just after passing John's Bridge. Logs and debris cropped up also making the going much slower. At 3:48, Burris tied up to the bank and, with the engine still running, replenished the oil and fuel.

At 3:58, the Queen roared under the railroad bridge and shortly thereafter, McLean's Bridge. The Queen's propeller, a 60-inch affair, began to cut overhanging limbs which whipped in the way and Burris became more cautious of low limbs.

The Queen was delayed for 12 minutes just beyond the Sky Brooks farm, when her crew was forced to cut a giant limb from her path. At 4:21 she went past the Hebron Road Bridge. Her destination was 19 miles away.

It was cooler now. The river was less swift, but very deep. The Queen went past Little River at 4:43. Her time is good.

More trees in the way. More trouble. Another oil stop.

At 5:45 the Queen streaked past the Wilson Bridge, which was supposed to have been her destination. At 6:09 Burris gave the Queen another diet of oil. Five minutes later, the gallant Queen gasped her last. Burris' face fell a yard. Hathaway queried:

"What. Are we out of petrol?"

"Yup. Now all we got to do is find a gas station."

Burris permitted the boat to drift downstream to Barkley Bridge where the crew tethered the Queen to the bank. And Burris and his five-gallon gas can went hunting.

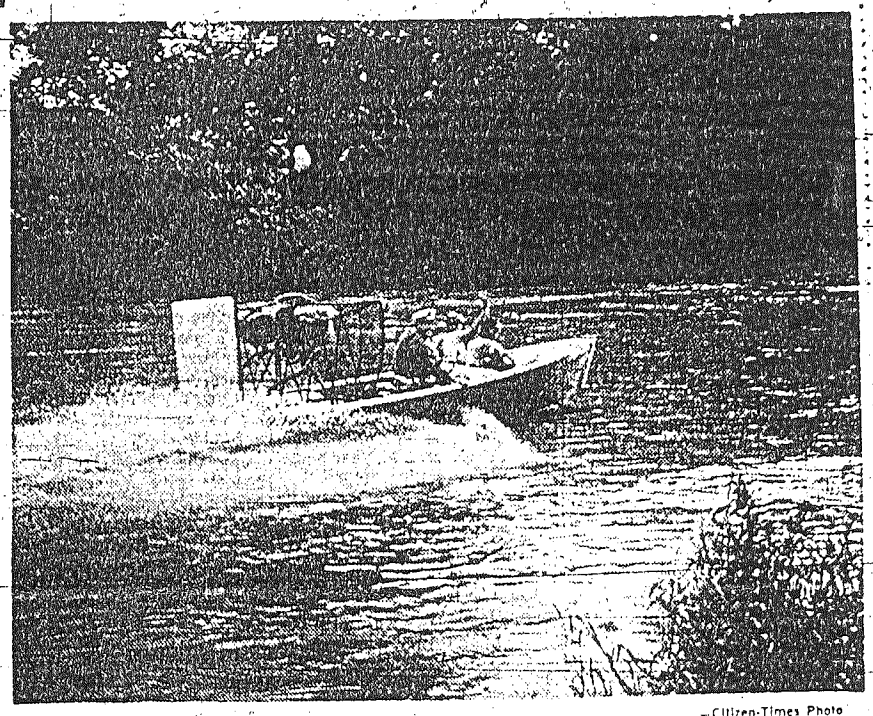
It was at this point that Houston Pressley of Route 1, Brevard, entered the picture. He not only provided the necessary gas, but informed the Queen's weary crew that it had over-shot the mark. The Queen's destination lay downstream some two miles. Pressley then took Burris down to the Wilson Bridge in his pick-up. And sure enough, Burris' wife was waiting there as previously arranged.

The Queen was tied under the Barkley Bridge for the night. She is scheduled for her return run Sunday (today).

Meanwhile, The Queen can rest on her laurels. For the "Mountain Lilly" might have been a great dame of the mountain waterway back in her day. But in spite of old records, which leave the impression she may have docked in Asheville, a frisky River Queen is taking the records with a grain of salt these days.

The reason:

Long Shoals!



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THE RIVER QUEEN begins her 55 mile journey up the French Broad River at a 35-mile per hour clip from Carrier Bridge, West Asheville, with Bob Burris at the controls, Ray Hathaway, the South Atlantic League's Manager of the Year, waving, and Al Geremonte scanning the waters. Her distination is Brevard.

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Moxley Named Secretary Of West Asheville YMCA

George K. Moxley, Central YMCA physical director for the past two years, has been named executive secretary of the West Asheville Branch YMCA.

Don Adams, a native of Atlanta, Ga., and until recently, a first lieutenant in the U. S. Army, has been appointed to succeed Moxley in the Central YMCA post.

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GEORGE K. MOXLEY

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Moxley will become the first full-time secretary of the West Asheville branch. A number of secretaries have served on a part-time basis since the branch was established in 1946.

Moxley's employment was made possible as a result of a successful membership drive last spring and through support of the United Fund.

The new secretary is a native of Wadley, Ga. He holds a B. S. Degree in physical education from George Washington University and a Master's Degree in physical education and health from the University of Florida.

He has been in YMCA work since 1954.

Adams is a 1956 graduate of North Georgia College. His undergraduate major was also physical education.

Prior to three years' Army service, Adams served nine years in YMCA work, on a part-time basis, in Atlanta.

He is married to the former Miss Mary Parker of Columbus, Ga. They have a seven-months-old daughter.

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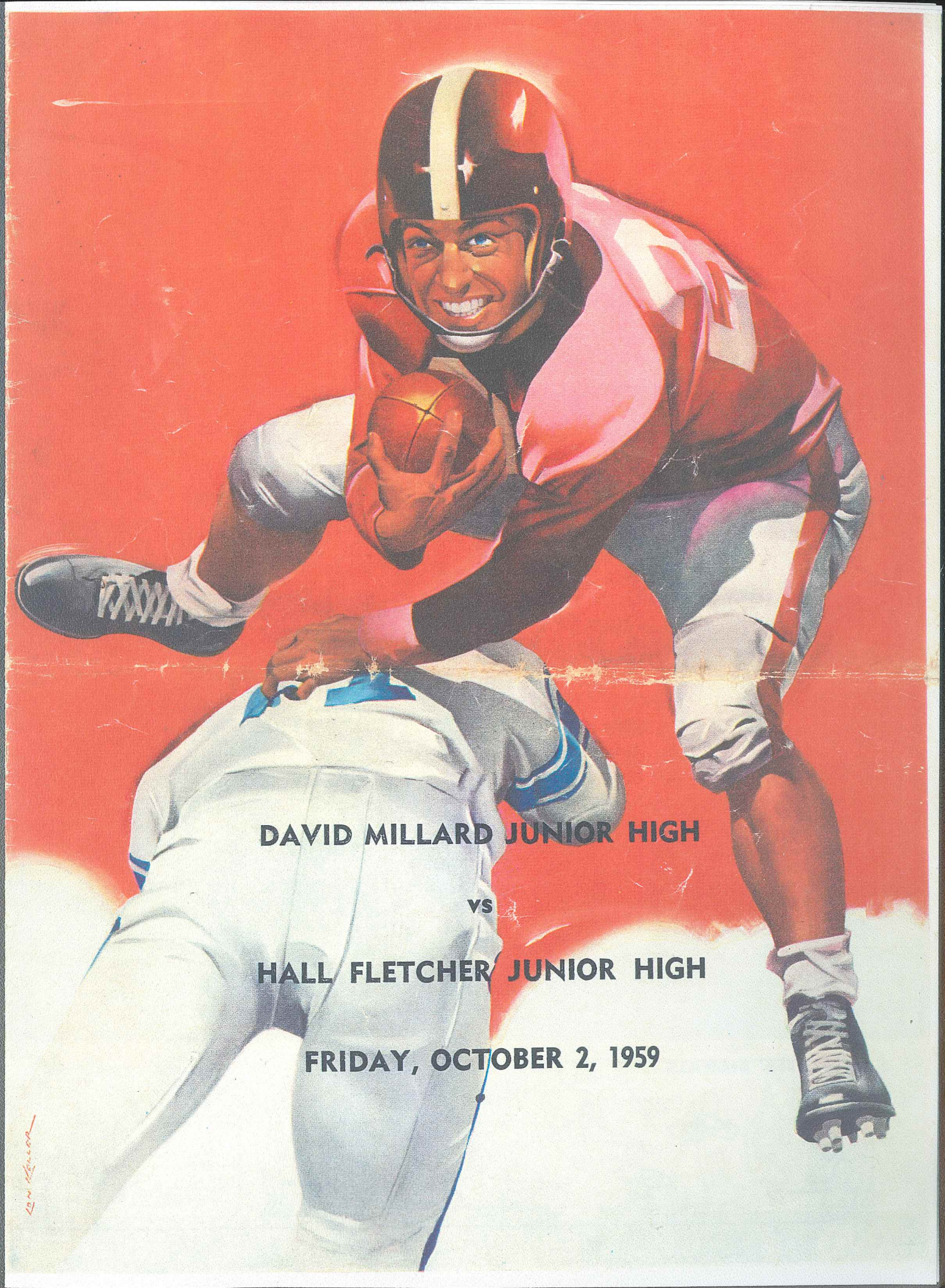

DAVID MILLARD JUNIOR HIGH

vs

HALL FLETCHER JUNIOR HIGH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1959

1959 DAVID MILLARD FOOTBALL ROSTER

20	Billy Sherrill	QB
21	David Bradford	QB
22	Bobby Ballard	QB
24	Jackie Davis	RH
25	Ken Larson	LH
26	Jimmy Hoyle	RH
27	Steve Harwood	LH
28	Richard Rankin	G
29	Larry Earwood	G
30	Tom Riddle	G
31	Carroll Thomas	G
32	Raymond Carter	C
33	Don Weaver	G
34	Walter Westmoreland	FB
35	Sonny Hunt	E
37	Tom Crook	T
38	Jim Thompson	T
39	Robert Zillegtt	T
40	Paul Burwell	T
41	Buzzy McKenzie	T
42	Tommy Knapp	T
44	Ricky Lamb	RH
45	Tommy Bowden	E
46	Mike Saunooke	Q
47	Steve Newsome	C
48	Rickey Sprague	E
49	Willie Carter	G
50	Doug Hicks	E
51	Alan Truluck	G
52	Wayne Franklin	E
	David Holder	LH
	Richard Wiiiiams	T

1959 HALL FLETCHER FOOTBALL ROSTER

82	Jimmy Bell	G
20	Ronnie Brown	B
32	David Bishop	G
30	Jack Arrowood	G
11	Bill Dale	QB
60	Don Gruetter	G
65	Jack Gassoway	T
40	Eddie Haynes*	G
21	O'Dell Harris	B
71	Toby Hill	C
22	Ronald McKee	B
51	Charles Teague	QB
31	Doug Elliott	B
10	Nick Rose	B
74	Bill Tweed	T
73	Micky Gamble	E
62	Jimmy Dickerson	B
42	Skip Moser	T
63	Johnny Reed	T
64	Martin Ramsey	E
83	Ronald O'Kelly	E
81	Damon Flynn	G
72	Joe Lanford*	G
23	Dennis Stamey	B
70	Bill Ressler	E
80	Sam Couch	C
61	Garland Kuykendall	C
33	Dennis Anderson	B
50	Max Sanders	G
12	Wayne Wallen	FB
84	Ralph Yoder	T
52	Bud Parris	T

* Denotes Co-Captains

A Family Enterprise

Chakales Make Socks For Men

Four Plants Here Turn Out 36,000 Pairs Daily

By JAY HENSLEY

They knit, loop, pair and package — and turn out more than 100 socks a minute.

This business of making men's hose has grown around here like a "run" in milady's legwear. Asv. Times

Since 1949 Broadway Hosiery Mills, Inc., has increased its output by almost five times the production of 10 years ago and raised its employment figure from a modest 45 to 350 persons. 11-23-59

A jobber in handkerchiefs, hosiery and other textile products got interested in manufacturing in 1946. His brother-in-law also became interested and they went into business.

Soon the whole family joined the enterprise.

It seems disjointed. Buildings that house portions of the process are located on Brevard road, Brownwood avenue and Burton street in West Asheville.

Another section of the same firm is under the roof of a long brick structure on Sweeten Creek road south of Biltmore some 10 miles away from the West Asheville plants.

The Brevard road and Brownwood avenue plants are about a mile apart with the Burton street facility somewhere about the middle. Burton street is headquarters for the firm.

Originators of this sectionalized hosiery industry are Charlie Chakales and Tom Alexander. They took over the old Frazier Hosiery Mill on Burton street in 1946 and had pushed production to 175,000 dozen a year by 1949.

Meanwhile Charlie's brothers and another brother-in-law joined the firm. Tom Alexander is president of the corporation. Dan Psoinos, Charlie Chakales and Jimmy Chakales are vice presidents. L. S. (Soc) Chakales is secretary-treasurer.

Matriarch of the clan is Mrs. P. H. Chakales, mother of three of them and mother of the wives of the other two industrialists.

She is the widow of P. H. (Pete) Chakales who came to this country in 1887 as a child, went back to Greece in 1910 to get married, and returned here with her to make their home.

The family has lived in Asheville for the past 50 years where the elder Chakales operated dry goods stores, shoe shine parlors, bakeries and other businesses. He died in 1944.

As both their mother and father were enthusiastic football fans, the Chakales boys were sure to become interested in athletics.

Soc earned five letters at Asheville High School, and played football at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., where he served one year as assistant coach.

Charlie was an All-State fullback at Asheville High and was a regular on the basketball and baseball teams. He was a freshman star at Wake Forest in 1924, and as a fullback in his sophomore year he scored the touchdown that beat Carolina. That was in the days when Duke was Trinity College, and Soc recalls that Trinity started a steady losing streak to Wake Forest during those years.

Jimmy Chakales, Psoinos and Alexander found themselves in military service soon after their high school days. Psoinos served at Guadalcanal and Alexander, taken prisoner by the Germans in Southern France, remained a captive in Germany for several months.

Soc, who worked as a correspondent for Asheville newspapers while he was still in college, became a staffer in the Times Sports Department when the newspaper was located in the Jackson Building. He also worked on the old Citizen when it was in the building that now houses the F. W. Woolworth Co. on Haywood street.

He later went to Orlando where he was sports editor on the morning paper, worked in New York briefly and went to the High Point Enterprise as sports editor. He became managing editor there and in 1944, joined the Associated Press. He served a year in the Charlotte Bureau, three months in New York, then went to the Middle East where he remained for 11 years. He was in charge of Associated Press news operations in Greece at one time.

The president of Broadway Hosiery Mills, Inc., whose wife is the former Virginia Chakales, came here from Lowell, Mass.

Forty-four Austin avenue, the home of Mrs. P. H. Chakales, is family headquarters of the clan. Each one is an equal partner in the sock-making firm, but "Mama" Chakales

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controls the voting in family affairs.

On a quiet day you wouldn't notice this business and at the peak of production it would make little impression on any except those who are a part of it.

Production figures and shop talk are dealt in dozens. Last year's business was in excess of 700,000 dozen pairs of socks. Top heavy bobby socks, snow-white and dyed socks. Plain socks from top to toe and socks with colorful woven designs.

Since June 1 the annual average has climbed to between 800,000 and 900,000 — dozen pairs, that is.

A new type sock, called the cushion-foot, is also in production here. Broadway Hosiery Mills, Inc., was one of the first to start making it.

From all outward appearances these sprawling buildings could be dormant warehouses instead of bee hives of bustling activity. The only heavy traffic to and from them is at starting and shift change times.

Muffled echoes from a scrambled click-clack-click of more than 300 knitting machines are the inside sounds perceptible at the sidewalk near the Brevard road plant.

This building is located just half a block from West Asheville's main thoroughfare. Inside thin threads of cotton and a blend of nylon yarns are fed into the army of knitting machines.

Each machine is a separate unit. They stand like well oiled robot workmen in symmetrical rows across the length of the long room.

Fat spools of thread feed each knitting machine. In turn the intricate mechanism produces a toeless sock almost before you can say "knit one, purl two."

Seemingly unattended, the thread consuming machines click smoothly along as sleeve-like socks, twisting and turning and dancing up and down, are formed in their innards. One after another, connected only by a single thread, socks pile up at an opening below each machine.

Some of them are making one size and some another. But none of them are unattended. An operator, who watches over an average of 25 of these busy little contraptions, keeps coming around to empty the opening where the socks pile up.

In addition to the operator, there's a "fixer," a mechanic who understands the slightest whim of each machine, patrolling the aisles. Each row of machines has a separate fixer.

Every time the operator takes a sock from a slot, the product gets a critical inspection. Sometimes a flaw is found and the sock becomes a second. At other times more flaws are found—the machines are not infallible — and these socks are set aside as thirds.

A failing machine is a liability, though, and a fixer doesn't allow one to remain crippled very long. And at his disposal is a complete machine shop in a corner of the same building manned by Vance McKinney, shop foreman and maintenance engineer.

Among tools there for creation of all but the most specialized machine parts are two turning lathes, a milling machine and an assortment of acetylene cutting and welding torches.

Separate machines are required to make tops for the new cushion foot design, which is a sock with a terry cloth type knit on the inside of the foot. The demand at this time far exceeds the supply. Back orders are in the neighborhood of 32,000 dozen.

Two shifts of workers keep the Brevard road plant going 16 hours a day. It is the lifeline of the business. It is the starting point of a product that will provide work for other people.

From here some of the knitted goods are taken to the Brownwood avenue plant. It is in that building, as simple and unassuming as the first, that the ends of the socks are closed up, making them complete.

They are complete but not finished. The looping process, tedious and exacting work of weaving toe-ends of socks together, is carried out here on a portion of the output.

Of 111 looping machines required to keep up with the knitting department, only 10 are operated in the plant. The others are scattered about in private homes, many of them in McDowell County near Marion.

At least one year is required to train a looper — and then the candidate may not meet the test. It is one of the critical points in the manufacture of a sock.

The disc-shaped looping machine is flanged by countless tiny teeth that pierce the sock between threads of the weave. A fine line, invisible to the untrained eye, is the target, and it takes a steady hand to score.

Once in place on the disc, the product is secured and joins the merry-go-round that will swing it into a weaving apparatus and carry it on to a trimming device. The "loop" that is lopped off the end of the sock is a by-product used in the rug industry.

Material goes through periodic inspection processes. Some of the inspectors, whose eyes are trained to see nothing but flaws in the work, use simple inspection boards on which socks are stretched briefly then sorted into their respective categories.

Other workers use automatic devices that employ a powerful suction system to whisk away the flawless product and place it in a cloth container. Roy Price is foreman of looping and inspection.

All of the work eventually finds its way to the Burton street plant, location of the wash, bleach and dye vats, also part of the equipment at the Sweeten Creek plant. This plant, which finishes all but the top quality merchandise, also contains a packaging machine and conveyors.

James Wood is foreman of the bleach and dye division of Broadway Hosiery Mills, Inc., at 53 Burton St. A whirling moisture extractors and many of the forming boards. At this plant, the first of the string of mills, socks are also paired and packaged.

Forming boards, aluminum legs that size and shape the socks with sizzling steam, are moisture extractor there can handle 100 pounds of goods at a time.

The washed and whirl-dried goods are wheeled to the adjoining boarding section in tub-like buggies where they are fitted over the aluminum boards.

From there they are distributed to the many pairing tables, the last step before the socks arrive in the packaging department. An assortment of brands are stamped on the merchandise depending upon which distributor it was manufactured for. Some of the brands are for export.

When the orders are completed and each pair of socks packaged or folded into a retail box, they are placed into cardboard cartons and shuttled to the shipping department.

It is one of the largest hosiery mills in the country devoted almost entirely to manufacture of cotton work socks. With a payroll of more than half a million dollars a year, increased expansion in the past five years has sometimes dug deeply into profits.

Optimism runs high among these men, however. Orders are good. The machines are running and the future looks bright.

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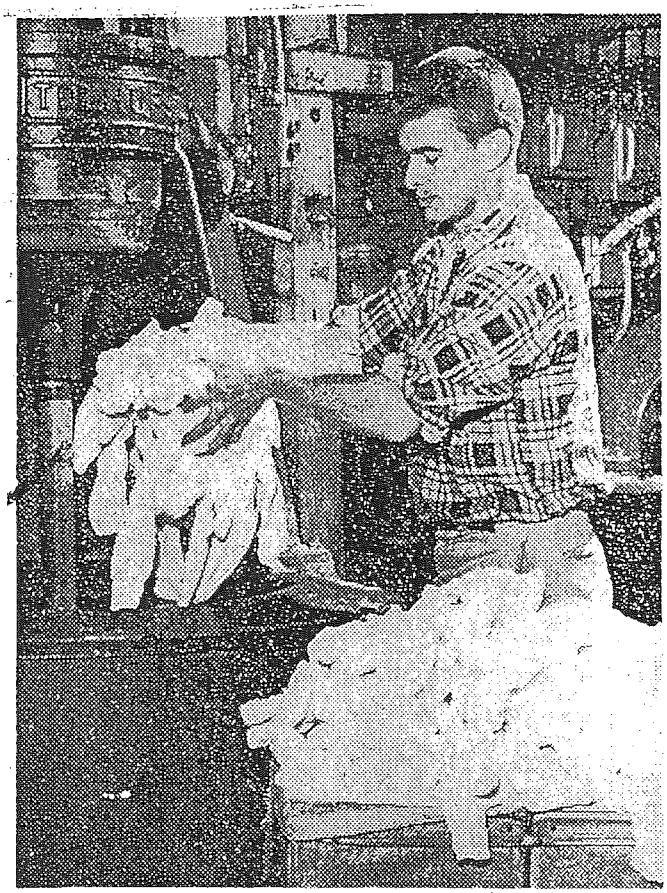
PSOINOS MRS. CHAKALES J. CHAKALES

MAMA AND THE BOYS—A coffee break turns into a business session at 44 Austin Ave., home of Mrs. P. H. (Pete) Chakales, when her boys get together for a visit. She is the mother of three of the operators of Broadway Hosiery Mills, Inc., and mother-in-law of the other two. Danny Psoinos and Charlie Chakales are vice presidents, Tom Alexander is president, Jimmy Chakales is a vice president and L. S. (Soc) Chakales is secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Chakales is overseer of family affairs.



OUT OF THE SPIN — This moisture extraction machine, located at the Burton street plant, is very much like the family laundry machine. It will handle 100 pounds of wet goods at a time.

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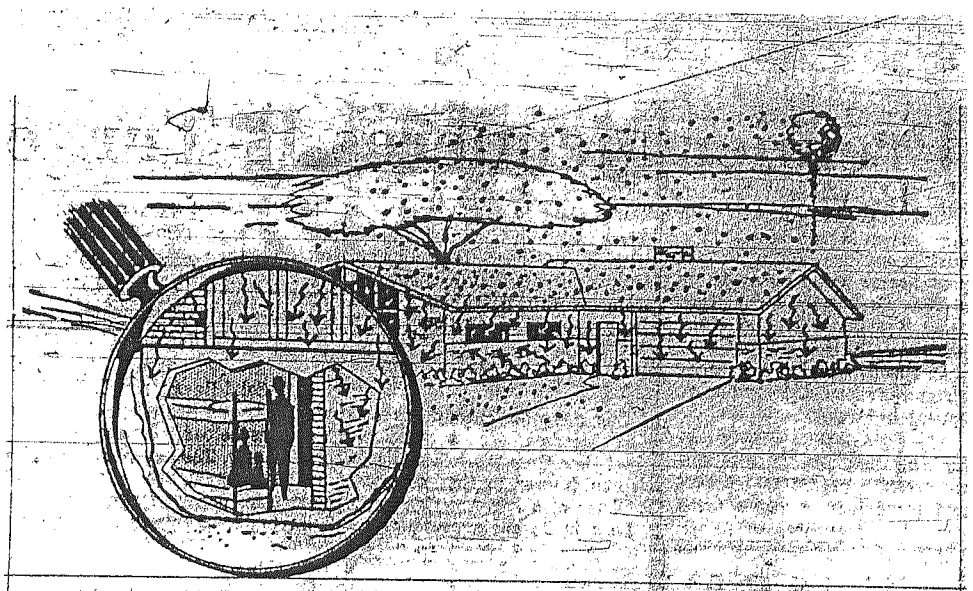

HOW FALLOUT SHELTERS would protect occupants after nuclear attack is shown in this drawing of a modern home. Fallout—mostly tiny particles of matter charged with radioactivity—is carried downwind from a nuclear blast and settles on the roof and grounds. From these particles radiation rays (arrow-like figures) which can penetrate most substances shoot out. Enough rays can cause radiation sickness to persons without their realizing it since radiation cannot be detected by the senses. But the materials of a fallout shelter are dense enough to absorb most radiation and prevent it from reaching the occupants.

Fallout Shelters Best Chance Of Surviving Nuclear Attack

Fallout shelters offer the best chance for survival should nuclear weapons ever be used against the United States.

Shelters are within virtually everyone's reach. One basement do-it yourself model can be built for as little as $150. Fancier models range upward.

But each offers some degree of protection from the deadly effects of radioactive fallout.

It is well known that in an atomic war, blast, heat and initial radiation could kill millions of persons near actual explosions.

It is equally well known that following the detonation of several nuclear bombs, radioactive fallouts would begin sifting over the remainder of the nation's people.

Virtually everyone would be threatened by the lethal particles that would drop from the sky. The fallout could kill millions. But with adequate shelters, most of these could be saved.

One's location, unless he dwell in a cave, would offer no guarantee that he would escape death from fallout. Winds on one day would carry fallout to various sections of the nation. On another day, the wind could swing in any other direction and turn what had been safe areas the previous day into areas of extreme fallout danger.

MENACE TO LIFE

Studies of anticipated fallout patterns show that as the fallout drifts further from the point of explosion, the danger diminishes. But even on the extreme limits of the drift the fallout remains a menace to life and health for some time.

This information is given in the foreword to "The Family Fallout Shelter," a recent publication of the Federal Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

The last of some 60,000 copies of the special booklet will be distributde in Buncombe County Monday, National Civic Defense Day. Members of the Daniel Boone Council of the Boy Scouts of America started the distribution last week.

The booklet states that "any mass material between you and the fallout will cut down the amount of radiation that reaches you. Sufficient mass will make you safe."

Illustrated plans for five basic fallout shelters are included. One of them—the basement concrete block shelter—has been designed specifically as a do-it-yourself project.

Other models are titled: above ground double-wall shelter, 'preshaped metal shelter, underground concrete shelter and the concrete basement shelter included as part of a new house under construction.

Each of the shelters incorporates fundamentals for fallout protection—shielding, mass, ventilation, space to live. Each can serve a dual purpose—protection from tornadoes or other severe storms in addition to protection from nuclear radiation.

CONCRETE SHIELDS

Concrete or bricks, earth or sand are among materials heavy enough to afford protection by absorbing radiation.

The CD booklet explains that there is about the same amount of shielding in eight inches of concrete, for instance, as in 12 inches of earth, 16 inches of books or 20 inches of wood.

In most of the country, except in areas hit by the heaviest fallout, these thicknesses would be sufficient for ample protection in most cases.

The booklet contains detailed drawings and specifications for building each of the five shelters. It also lists equipment and supplies needed to stock them.

Only the basement concrete block shelter is designed specifically as a do-it-yourself project. The other four shelters are designed to be built by contractors in new houses, in more difficult construction areas or as more expensive underground shelters.

However, the do it-y o u r s e l f shelter would provide fallout protection needed in most of the nation. It would save most people living outside target areas.

This model shelter can be built with solid concrete blocks for as little as $150.

A sample of the do-it-yourself shelter may be seen in the governor's mansion at Raleigh. CD officials there will show the shelter on request.

Few shelters have been built elsewhere. Gen. John C. Arrowsmith, Buncombe CD director, reports he knows of none which have been constructed in Buncombe County.

However, he points out that an ordinary basement will provide some protection in the event of nuclear fallout. Basement rooms, such as dens or playrooms, can serve as improvised shelters. Many persons have established basement protection areas.

Arrowsmith has established one such room in his home and has it stocked with emergency provisions.

Contractors in some parts of the country are including a finished fallout shelter in new houses. They have proved an excellent selling point.

CD officials point out that such a room, when not in emergency use, can serve as a shop, photographic darkroom, or any number of other purposes.

Arrowsmith has annnounced that the Civil Defense office stands ready to offer assistance in helping residents plan fallout shelters. Considerable literature on fallout and its danger are available at the CD office.

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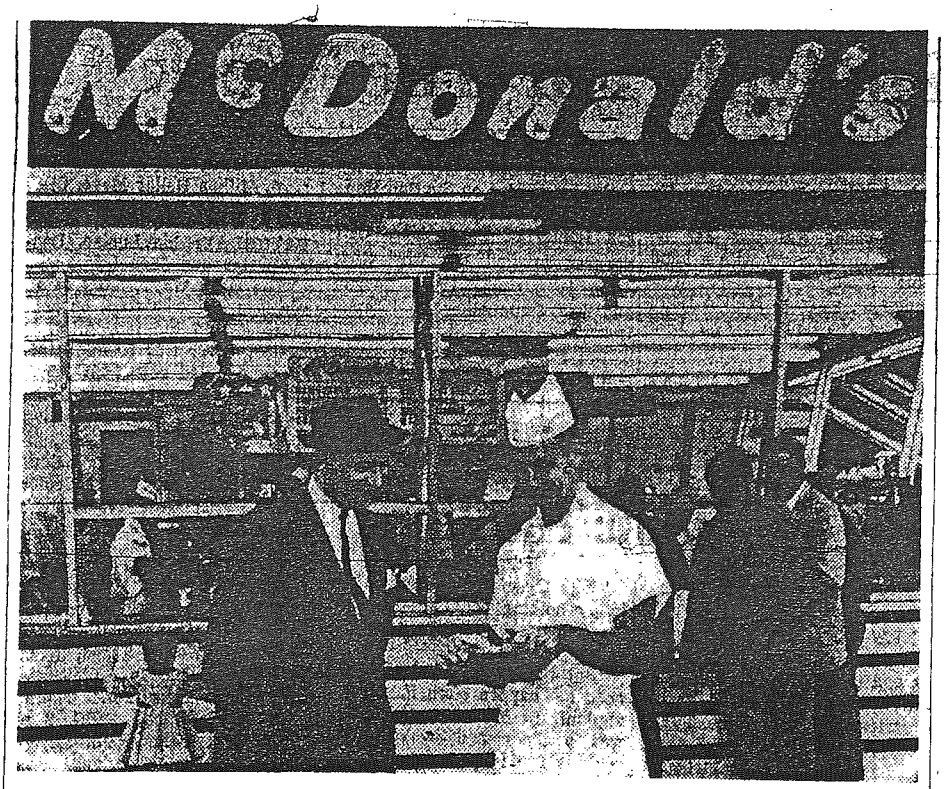

McDONALD'S, the newest drive-in restaurant on Tunnel Road, is co-owned by Whit Lees Jr. (left) and Richard D. Frankel. —Citizen-Times Photo

McDonald's Restaurant Will Cater To Families

Marked by high-reaching illuminated arches, McDonald's Drive-In Restaurant is the latest addition to the rapidly-expanding Tunnel Road business district.

Located at 51 Tunnel Road—on the right traveling east—the new drive-in is among 200 similar restaurants in the nationwide McDonald chain.

McDonald's here joins Greensboro as the second of the chain to be located in North Carolina.

The new enterprise, with space for 60 cars, is specializing in hamburgers, milk shakes, french fries and some seven other quick-to-fix menu items.

The restaurant has announced it intends to cater particularly to families.

The building itself incorporates ultra-modern architectural features. Particularly unique are the high arches and matching high-way sign.

Plate glass spans three sides of the building. All equipment inside is of stainless steel. The business employes some 30 persons.

National McDonald's headquarters in Chicago estimates another 200 restaurants will be opened during 1960. This will bring the total to near 400.

Serving hours of McDonald's here are from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m. each day except Friday and Saturday, when midnight is the closing time.

The restaurant is co-owned by Richard D. Frankel and Whit Lees Jr. Frankel is manager.

Frankel is a native of Racine, Wis. and has lived the past four years in Ft. Worth, Tex. He is a graduate of University of Notre Dame School of Accounting and the University of Wisconsin School of Law. He holds a license to practice law in the State of Wisconsin.

He is married to the former Miss Patricia McGinnis of Birmingham, Mich. They have four young children and reside at 297 Charlotte St.

Lees is vice president of Bon Marche, Inc., and manager of the firm's Store for Homes here.

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Amy's Club In 23rd Year Of Service To Children

By GERRY KOONTZ

Ol' Man Winter is packin' his grips with his most cruel freezes and cooling breezes his annual trip to the mountains. And, as usual, he finds big and little communities from the tips of the frosted ridges to the rolling slopes busy trying to outdo each other in trying to make this world a warm-hearted place in which to live.

But over on Burton Street in West Asheville there lives an elderly colored woman whose heart stays young while her bones grow older, and 1959 marks the 23rd year of her own small community club's existence.

Her name is Amy Knox — though most of her white friends could scarcely tell you the "Knox" part—and the name of her club is the "Do-Better Community Club".

It meets now in the homes of its members, although it has often met in churches of various denominations.

The members of the little club are all children. Amy's heart goes out to all her young friends, whose needs encompass not only the lack of

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spiritual bread, but shoes and coats, and warm pajamas and things the other kids have.

So, for 23 years, Amy has met with "her kids once a week "to learn the Commandments and a few verses", and sing songs together.

There are small incentive prizes for these children who have so little incentive, and Amy must try hard to pass the prizes out fairly, not to hurt the feelings of those who have not yet earned their reward.

Each week, the children who are able bring their "offering" of pennies or a dime. With these few cents, Amy lays away overalls, shirts, warm clothing of all kinds for her children in the stores in Asheville. Soon now, near to Christmas, several of her white friends will allow her to do extra work in order to make up enough money to get 40 children's-worth of clothes out of lay-away.

Once, one friend carefully prepared packets crammed with sweets and backed with the faces from her personal Christmas cards that she had saved. Amy says that's one example of how the Lord always provides—somehow.

Folks know that a good way to have Amy's jolly laugh and compliments galore descend on their ears is to present her with a box of used clothing.

Most will go to the children's good use. "If it has a sleeve to stick an arm in, it'll help my chillun," she says. And anything that is really past redemption is still gold to Amy, for she sells it to the rag dealer, and has a little more precious cash to use for her young folks.

Some of the present members of Amy's community club are second generationers. Amy had their parents as children, and "Law!" she says, "That do make me feel old!"

Well, her hair is turning a little gray in spots. And she can remember so far back into some of her white "chilluns" past that you know she can't be young.

But how she can climb tall ladders to put her particular shine on the outside of those windows! And stoop over the baseboards to get those specks.

Or how tenderly she soothes the little boy who's not ordinarily happy with anyone but his mother or his grandmothers!

Her love of children hasn't stopped with those of her own race. She's helped a generation of her white folks' children grow up, too.

And how happy they make "their ol' Amy" when they, in turn, remember her club, and the children's needs.

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PLAYING AND WORKING together brings grace and poise to students in all grades at Aycock School. Second graders are shown taking part in a folk game.

School Echoes

Aycock Students Enjoy Program Of Exercise For Body, Mind

By MARGUERITE ALEXANDER

Students at Aycock School are romping their way through the grades, and picking up poise, coordination and a feeling for rhythm as they go.

In a program which exercises the body as well as the brain, students are learning a variety of activities, including correct walking posture, running, skipping, galloping and bouncing.

Each child in the primary grades has a ball and a jump rope and exercises with the ball and the rope every day.

Under the leadership of Richard E. Robinson, principal, the students in the first through third grades are learning how to interpret rhythm in movement. They play ball games to music and children pretend they are birds, airplanes, elephants and a variety of animals.

Old fashioned folk games have been introduced and are providing fun as students learn to play and work together, and exercise develops grace and strength.

Students in the fourth through the sixth grades enjoy the same type of program, and in these grades the skills which are needed to play games met in high and junior high school are taught.

In addition to the physical education work, students from the first through the sixth grade are studying science for the first time. Books for the work were purchased by the school with a special student activity fund, and first graders are now learning the five major areas—plants, animals, human body, earth, universe, matter and energy.

Simple facts are taught first graders such as water and evaporation, vapor, and ice all being the same matter as water.

Second graders build on the knowledge learned in the first grade, and third graders build on second grade knowledge and so through the sixth grade where more complicated lessons are given.

MRS. CHARLES E. GARREN has had a lot of fun and put in many happy hours making a Christmas tablecloth. It is two long strips of red Indianhead sewn together and appliqued with Christmas symbols of felt embroidered with sequins. Mrs. Garren's daughter, Sadie, who will arrive Monday from Mars Hill College, drew and made the center part, a church and four choristermen. The tablecloth will be used Christmas Day for a dinner party of 14 members of the family in the Garren home at 69 Covington Street.

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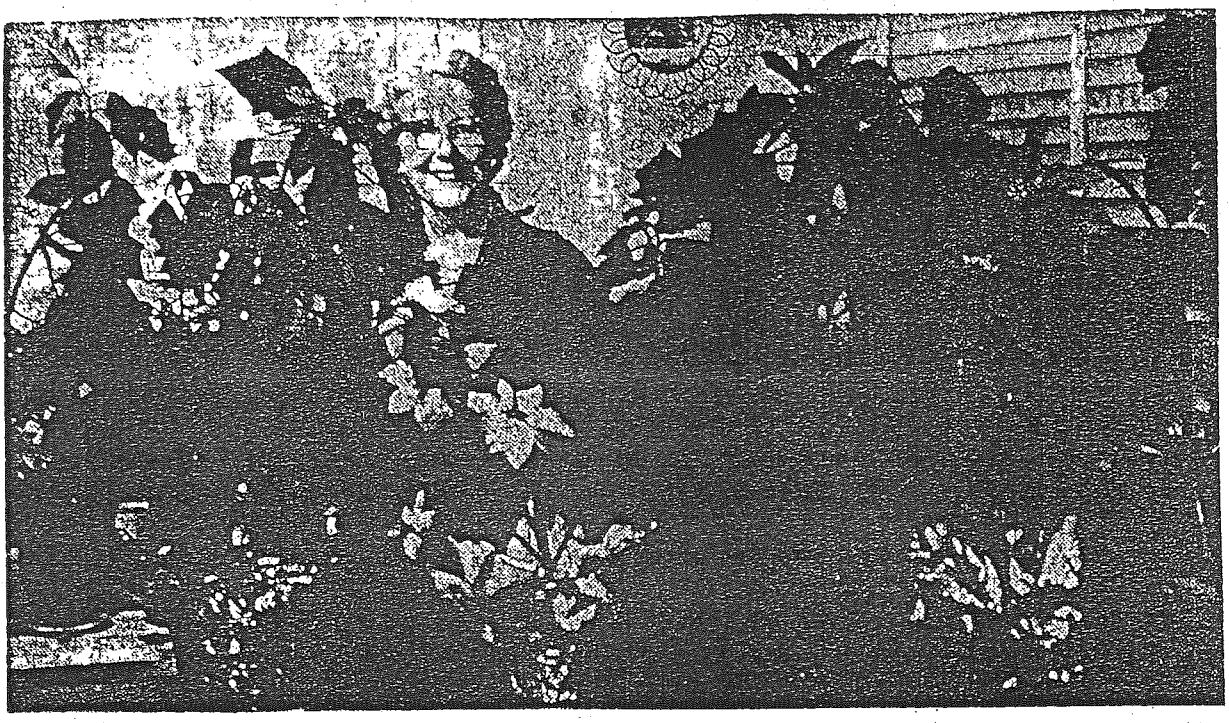

DOZENS AND DOZENS OF POINSETTIAS bloom in in the home of Mrs. Lulu Edens of 56 Fairfax Ave.

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Poinsettias Really Bloom Under Mrs. Edens' Care

By GERTRUDE RAMSEY
Citizen Staff Writer

Mrs. Lulu Edens has a hobby based on love—love of people, love of flowers, and love of Christmas.

This hobby has filled her house with dozens of poinsettias, which again this Christmas are blooming in splendor.

For a number of years a nurse at Aston Park Hospital, she is known and loved by hundreds of persons who have either been patients under her care, or had loved ones in the hospital.

Many times they have remembered her by sending poinsettias to her at Christmas. She has saved each plant. Others in her collection are those she has rescued from being discarded by patients leaving the hospital, taken home and cared for.

This Christmas they are all blooming as the results of her "tender, loving care."

Gradually the hobby has taken over the entire sunroom at her home on Fairfax Avenue, and bids fair to spill over into every other sunny window. Florists praise her ability to coax the plants into such glorious bloom year after year. She gives each plant a rest after the holidays and brings them into new growth in the spring and summer. By careful watering, feeding and sunning, she has them ready to bloom again in mid-December.

She annually entertains the Ladies Aid of Emmanuel Lutheran Church during this season, when her house is filled with red, pink and white blossoms, and often the poinsettias are used in the church.

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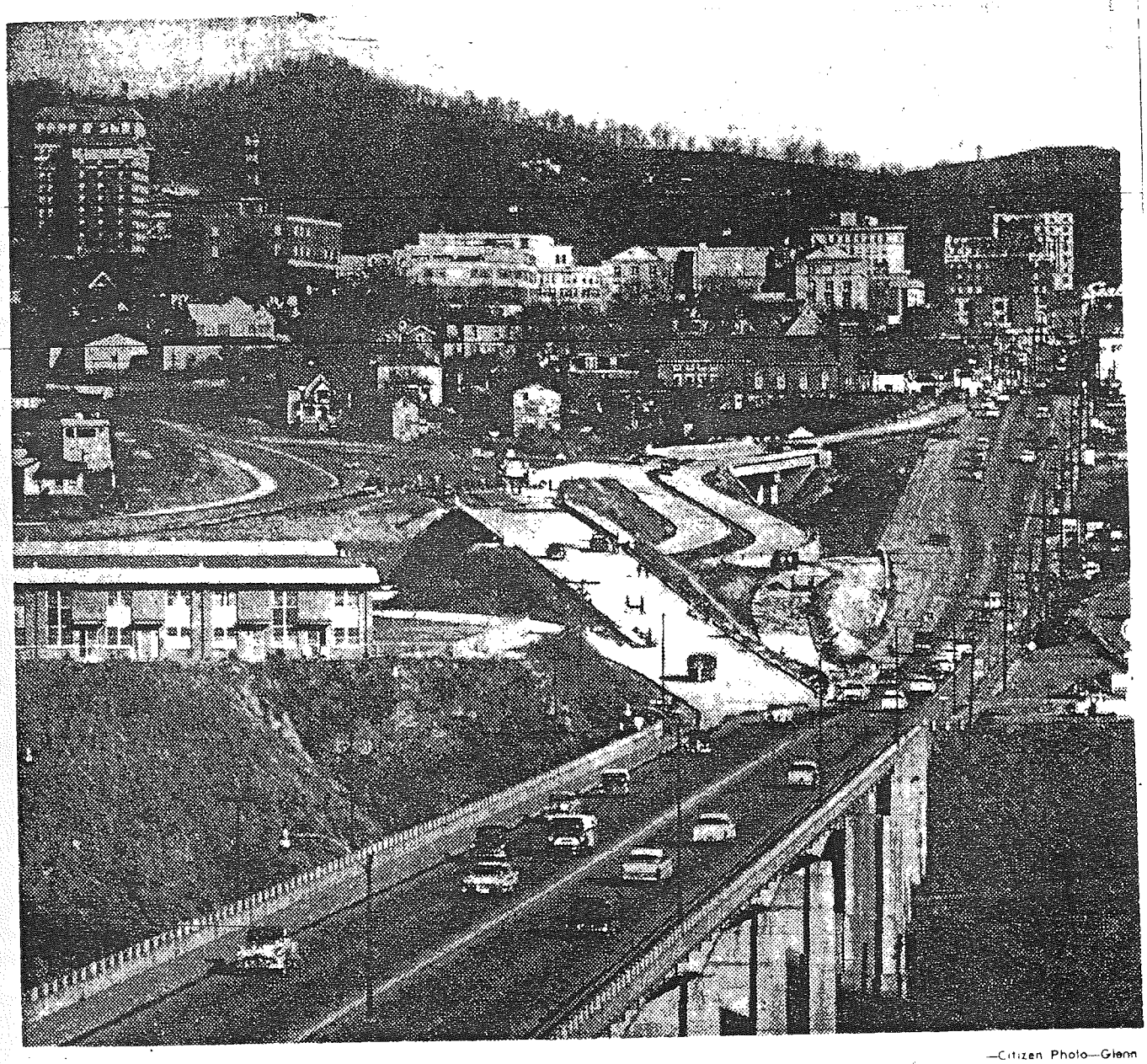

—Citizen Photo—Glenn

THEY'RE BUILDING AN EVERYWHICHWAY

If you can't figure it out, how can you drive it? Motorists will begin trying soon, possibly in January on this west end of the new expressway. Loops here are counter-looped, and what goes under winds up on top. Traffic movement will be relatively simple, however (with calculus, compass and computer), and the complex has been especially engineered to avoid an undesirable "togetherness" of vehicles. The stacked-up impression here is purely visual, created by the use of a telephoto lens to overcome distance. Traffic from the east approaching the Smoky Park Highway Bridge (foreground) will be diverted off Patton Avenue at the top of the hill, pass over the small bridge (right-center) onto the Hall Street overpass (center) and straight down the westbound channel of the expressway to rejoin Patton near the Smoky Park bridge. Four ramps shown connect with Hall Street, which cannot be seen itself in this view. These are (1) westbound access from Hall to expressway (lower left); (2) access from Patton to Hall for eastbound traffic (left off Patton near expressway terminus); (3 and 4) S-shaped lanes leading to and from Hall and Patton (right-center), overpassing the eastbound expressway channel and underpassing the westbound. Dizzied readers and motorists may comfort themselves with the hope that the cultivated instinct of horsepower long fed on American cloverleaf will see them through.

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CHILDREN OF ALL AGES gathered at the triangle in Malvern Hills Sunday afternoon for the community's traditional Sunday afternoon Christmas carol sing. One youngster on left of picture was accompanied by his dog, who did not know the words, but responded to the music.

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—Citizen Photo

ANIMALS WERE UNLOADED Monday for the annual live nativity scene in front of Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church. The scene was set up Monday night and will be staged again from 7:30 p. m. until 9 p. m. Tuesday and Wednesday. The cast includes the Three Wise Men, three shepherds, Mary, Joseph, a reader and eight angels. In addition to three sheep, a burro has a part in the scene. Unloading the animals were (L-R): "Butch" Kiser, Frank Gibbs and Arthur Kiser Sr. The scene is sponsored by the church and Malvern Hills Community Club.

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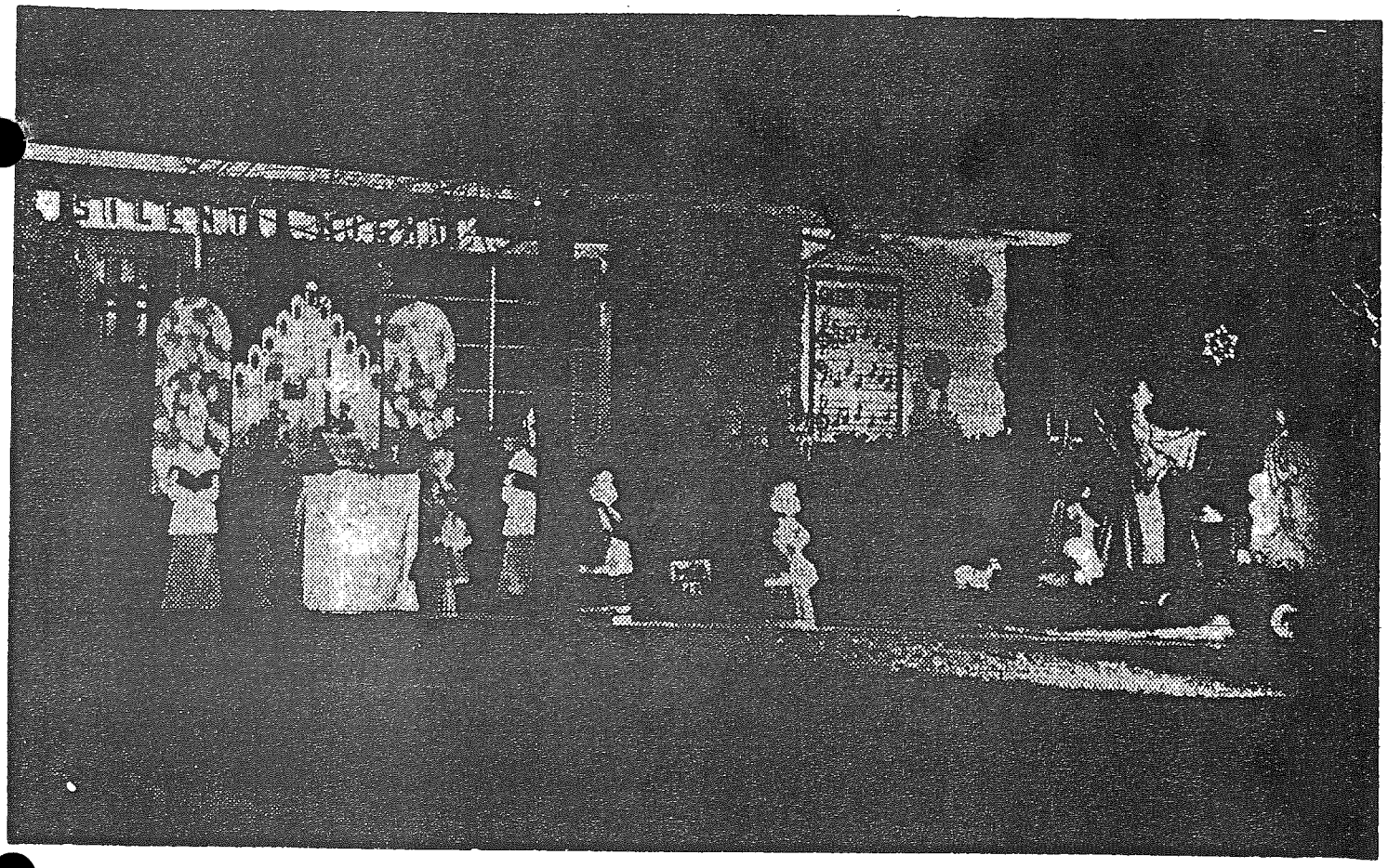

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THE GRAND PRIZE in the annual Yuletide Lighting Contest was won by Clifton Andrews of 47 Bear Creek Rd. with his lawn display of a Nativity scene and an altar tableau.

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Clifton Andrews Wins Top Yule Lighting Prize

Clifton Andrews of 47 Bear Creek Rd. was named winner Wednesday of the $85 grand prize in the annual Yuletide Lighting Contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Andrews' prize winning display included a Nativity scene and an altar tableau.

Other prizes, ranging from $35 in cash to $12.50 merchandise orders, were awarded in the residential division in first, second and third place order as follows:

Section I. Displays costing over $15—Joseph P. Quinn, 2 Cambridge Rd.; O. A. Porche, 312 Montford Ave.; M. M. Matthews, 351 Lakeshore Dr. Displays costing under $15—Ronald S. Bradley, 334 Barnard Ave.; Mrs. Charlene Radau, 107 Wilshire Dr.

Section II. Over $15—Miss Mary Louise Britt, 26 Griffing Blvd.; Mrs. R. H. Redus, 16 Ridgewood Pl.; Dr. and Mrs. C. Z. Candler, 104 Gracelyn Rd. Under $15—the Rev. Otis E. Dunn, 144 Pine St.; R. J. Kowal, 40 Blackwood Rd.

Section III. Over $15—Clifton Andrews, 47 Bear Creek Rd.; Mrs. Hilda S. Halliburton, 80 Wendover Rd.; D. L. Bailey, 128 Sulphur Springs Rd. Under $15—Mrs. E. F. Magruder Jr., 115 Bear Creek Rd; Mrs. Frances Ann Bennett, 72 Cranford Rd.

Section IV. Over $15—Mrs. Leroy Feagin, 8 Eastshore Dr.; Frank J. White, 222 Forest Hill Dr.; Eugene Scherer, 374 Biltmore Ave. Under $15—John W. Stitt, 149 Wyoming Rd.; W. D. Lewis Jr., 7 Springdale Rd.

The top church display award was won by Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church. Groce Methodist Church in Beverly Hills placed second and the display constructed by Explorer Post No. 9 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church placed third.

Hill Street School won the top award for school displays.

All judging was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kouns.